Resolution on Pre-disaster Mitigation Funding

WHEREAS,

- The proposed FEMA budget for FY 2002 contains no new funds for pre-disaster mitigation in the Mitigation Directorate;
- The Association of State Floodplain Managers is convinced of the value of pre-disaster mitigation in reducing the costs of natural disasters.
- The FEMA Director has indicated his intent to review and evaluate pre-disaster programs with an appreciation for their value, and
- The ASFPM agrees with the FEMA Director about the importance of communities assuming greater responsibility for their own risks, and the importance of creating incentives for communities to take such actions.

THEREFORE, the Board of ASFPM resolves to:

1. Express strong support for FEMA Director Allbaugh’s recognition of the importance of communities assuming greater responsibility for their risks.

2. Express appreciation to Director Allbaugh for his intent to evaluate pre-disaster mitigation programs.

3. Urge congress to include up to the authorized $50 million in funding in the FY ’02 FEMA appropriation to continue pre-disaster mitigation through public-private partnerships for disaster resistant communities during this review; and

4. Suggest that future pre-disaster mitigation programs be developed to offer incentives to communities to assume greater responsibility for their own risk by recognizing community investment and/or offer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASFPM BOARD TO urge better coordination between pre and post-disaster mitigation programs in order to foster post disaster activities that are conducted pursuant to well conceived mitigation plans. This would take full advantage of the opportunities that arise during disaster recovery to alleviate future flood risks.

Adopted June 2, 2001

Attested by Mike Howard, Secretary