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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COOPERATING TECHNICAL PARTNERS (CTP) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The membership of ASFPM includes many representatives from state, regional and local agencies that are, or have been, active in the Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) program as Flood Hazard Mapping partners with FEMA; and

WHEREAS, ASFPM has had a longstanding policy position that state, regional, and local agencies should be empowered to be responsible for their own floodplain management programs by taking ownership of the flood risk, including technical studies, floodplain mapping, and flood risk education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, The Cooperating Technical Partners program has historically been a program where state, regional, and local agencies can take responsibility for the floodplain mapping needs of their jurisdictions. The Cooperating Technical Partners program has traditionally built capability and involvement at the state level and increased buy in from local officials. The program also brings consistency in flood studies, floodplain mapping, and outreach as FEMA contractors change and federal funding of the floodplain mapping program goes through various up and down cycles; and

WHEREAS, The membership of ASFPM is increasingly concerned that FEMA support for the Cooperating Technical Partners program has degraded over the years, along with a lack of focus on floodplain mapping needs and funding for floodplain mapping; and

WHEREAS, The Cooperating Technical Partners program allows both FEMA and the state, regional, and local agencies to accomplish more successes with less funding by truly partnering and contributing towards both the required effort and funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASFPM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, that we, as representatives of the ASFPM membership, recognize the success of the Cooperating Technical Partners within our membership and fully support continuation of the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we, as the ASFPM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, support our Cooperating Technical Partners and the need for additional funding for floodplain mapping, particularly funding targeted through the Cooperating Technical Partners program, when possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we, as the ASFPM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, encourage FEMA to re-invigorate their commitment to the Cooperating Technical Partners program, and strive to make it a true partnership, in which state, regional, and local agencies that can provide value to the mapping effort are fully supported.

ADOPTED BY THE ASFPM BOARD ON

June 1, 2014

Attested by Joy Duperault, ASFPM Secretary

Joy Duperault