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Resolution for Funding FEMA's Map Modernization Program

WHEREAS, the flood hazard maps produced by FEMA are used by over 19,000 communities across the country to manage flood risks;

WHEREAS, the flood hazard maps represent a significant investment of over \$2 Billion (today's dollars) made by American taxpayers between 1968 and 1986;

WHEREAS, the 4.4 million people who purchase flood insurance policies have provided over \$750 Million since 1987 to develop and revise flood hazard data and maps, without any general funds;

WHEREAS, most of the FEMA maps are out of date (many are more than 20 years old), and based on obsolete technology and data, thereby reducing their effectiveness for guiding development or mitigation.

WHEREAS, working with its partners, FEMA has developed the Map Modernization Plan that sets forth a reasonable and cost effective strategy to improve flood hazard maps;

WHEREAS, the Map Modernization Plan has been endorsed by the Association and numerous other stakeholder organizations;

WHEREAS, the Association believes that flood hazard maps yield far-reaching benefits to all taxpayers, including avoidance of flood damage, protection of public safety, minimization of federal disaster assistance payments, and multi-objective land use planning that recognizes the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains;

WHEREAS, the Association contends that the NFIP policyholders should not bear the entire cost of implementing the Map Modernization Plan.

WHEREAS, Congress has not provided sufficient funding for the Map Modernization Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ASFPM inform and encourage stakeholders to consider and endorse equitable funding sources to allow FEMA to implement the Map Modernization Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER resolved that ASFPM encourage FEMA to aggressively seek funding of both flood insurance policy holder and non-policy holder funds to implement Map Modernization, and

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the ASFPM advise the Administration (OMB), and Congress of the multiple and long-term benefits of good flood hazard area maps that will accrue through implementation of the Map Modernization Plan, including savings to taxpayers, and urge approval of adequate taxpayer funding to match flood insurance policy holder funding.

Adopted: July 17, 2000
By the ASFPM Board of Directors

Attested by Mike Howard, Secretary