

RESOLUTION R2014- 1968

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE
2015 REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION
STRATEGY (LMS) PLAN AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County is susceptible to a variety of natural, technological, and human-caused disasters, including but not limited to, severe weather, hazardous materials incidents, nuclear power plant emergencies, communicable diseases, and domestic security incidents as well as climate change impacts and sea level rise that causes increased inundation, shoreline erosion, flooding from severe weather events, accelerated saltwater contamination of ground water and surface water supplies, and expedited loss of critical habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, was enacted to establish a national disaster hazard mitigation program to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from disasters, and to assist state, local, and tribal governments in implementing effective hazard mitigation measures to ensure the continuation of critical services and facilities after a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as a condition for qualifying for and receiving future Federal mitigation assistance funding as well as reimbursement for Presidentially Declared Disasters, requires such governments to have Federal Emergency Management Agency approved hazard mitigation plans in place that identify the hazards that could impact their jurisdictions, identify actions and activities to mitigate the effects of those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement plans; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County's Local Mitigation Strategy, in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of disasters, and with input from the private sector and other members of the public, developed and revised the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 revised Local Mitigation Strategy has been approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency subject to adoption by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee recommends the formal adoption of the 2015 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy, including planned future enhancements described therein, by the County and all 38 participating municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby approves and adopts the 2015 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy (attached hereto as Exhibit A) in its entirety,

as revised by the Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee and approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

3. The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County authorizes the appropriate Palm Beach County officials to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of proposed mitigation initiatives described in the Local Mitigation Strategy, and upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the actions in accordance with the mitigation strategies set out by the Local Mitigation Strategy.
4. Palm Beach County will continue to support and participate in the Local Mitigation Strategy planning and implementation process as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the Palm Beach County Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee.
5. The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County will consider incorporating climate change concerns, sea level rise and natural hazards into the local comprehensive plan and into future reviews of flood prevention regulations and zoning codes.
6. The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County directs that executed originals of this resolution and the adoption resolutions of all participating municipalities be held on file in the Office of the Clerk & Comptroller.
7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Taylor, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berger, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

District 1: Hal R. Valeche	-	<u>Aye</u>
District 2: Paulette Burdick	-	<u>Aye</u>
District 3: Shelley Vana	-	<u>Aye</u>
District 4:	-	<u>Aye</u>
District 5: Mary Lou Berger	-	<u>Aye</u>
District 6:	-	<u>Aye</u>
District 7: Priscilla A. Taylor	-	<u>Aye</u>

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of December, 2014.

Palm Beach County, Florida, by its
Board of County Commissioners

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

BY:

Nancy Pauer
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form and
Legal Sufficiency

By:

[Signature]
Assistant County Attorney