

**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2015 REVISED PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County is susceptible to a variety of natural and human 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 Indian 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 the receiving future Federal Mitigation assistance funding requires such governments to have Federal Emergency Management Agency approved hazard mitigation plans in place that identify the natural 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 natural disasters, and with input from the private sector and other members of the public,

developed and revised the Palm Beach County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Revised Local Mitigation Plan has been approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on January 12, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County LMS Steering Committee recommends the formal adoption of the 2015 Revised LMS Plan, including planned future enhancements and modifications described therein, by the County and all 38 participating municipalities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 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.

**Section 2.** The Town hereby approves and adopts the 2015 Revised Local Mitigation Strategy Plan in its entirety, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, as revised by the LMS 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 ("FEMA"),

**Section 3.** The Town of Loxahatchee Groves authorizes the Town Manager to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of proposed mitigation initiatives described in the Plan, and upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, to seek to implement the actions in accordance with the mitigation strategies set out by the plan.

**Section 4.** The Town of Loxahatchee Groves will continue to support and participate in the LMS planning and implementation process as required by FEMA, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the Palm Beach County LMS Steering Committee.

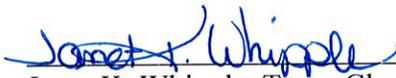
**Section 5.** The Town of Loxahatchee Groves will consider incorporating climate change concerns, sea level rise and natural hazards in the local comprehensive plan and into future reviews of flood prevention regulation and zoning codes.

**Section 6.** The Town of Loxahatchee Groves directs the Town Clerk to transmit an original of the executed Resolution to the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, attention LMS Coordinator (712-6481), for filing in the Office of the Clerk and Comptroller.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

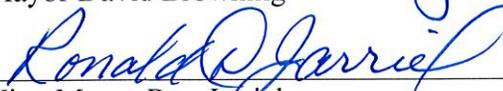
**ADOPTED by the Town Council of the TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.**

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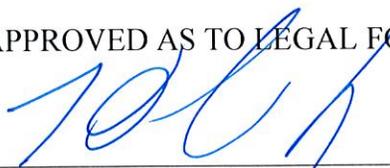
  
Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk

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Mayor David Browning

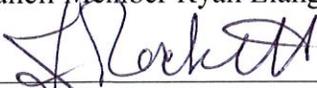
  
Vice-Mayor Ron Jarriel

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Council Member Ryan Liang

  
Council Member Jim Rockett

