

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Essex County (the “County”) has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment and the County’s economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post- disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of County jurisdictions with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within the County (the “Coalition”); and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange (the “Township”), that the Township hereby:

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2015 Essex County All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”), the Township’s portion of which is attached hereto as **Attachment “A,”** as the Township’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to the Township;
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified;
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority;
- 4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan;
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan;

- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations;
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years; and it is further

RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's office for reasonable inspection in accordance with applicable law.

Karen J. Carnevale,
Municipal Clerk

Jerry Guarino,
Council President

Adopted: April 28, 2015

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