

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 140

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING AND ADOPTING THE HERNANDO COUNTY 2025 5-YEAR UPDATE OF THE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K) (P.L. 106-390) requires local governments to undertake a hazard identification risk assessment approach, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 5165, to reduce the impact of identified natural hazards and man-made hazards for Hernando County in the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS); and

WHEREAS, 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201.6 requires local governments to have a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved LMS, and requires the review and revision of the LMS to reflect any changes in County development, success in local mitigation efforts, changes in the County's mitigation priorities, and submit the Strategy for FEMA approval every five (5) years in order to apply for and receive funding through the different Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants; and

WHEREAS, Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 27P-22 requires local jurisdiction to organize, maintain, and submit annual reports to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) through the County Chair of the LMS Working Group in order to remain eligible for current and future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding projects; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County LMS was most recently updated by the Hernando County LMS Working Group, which submitted to FDEM and received the official Approved Pending Adoption letter by the FDEM on July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County LMS serves as the Floodplain Management Plan and adds value to the Community Rating System in offsetting financial costs through public outreach and flood mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County LMS serves as the Community Wildfire Protection Plan further enhancing the County's partnership with the Florida Forest Services and wildfire mitigation activities; and

WHEREAS, FEMA requires adoption of the revised LMS by each of the jurisdiction's local governing bodies, identified in the plan, in order for the participating jurisdictions to continue to remain eligible for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Hernando County Local Mitigation Strategy 2025 5-Year Update is hereby adopted and authorized for implementation.

SECTION 2. The Hernando County LMS Working Group is hereby authorized to continue Hernando County LMS maintenance for the next five (5) years.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be forwarded immediately to FDEM and FEMA for approval.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 26th day of August, 2025, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

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DOUGLAS A. CHORVAT, JR.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

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