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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY A **COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING** THE NASSAU COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY AS THE COUNTY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE DAMAGES AND LOSSES TO LIFE. **PROPERTY.** AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DUE TO ALL MANNER OF NATURAL HAZARDS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, assigns to the Board of County Commissioners responsibility for disaster preparedness, response, recover and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5165, enacted under §104 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), establishes the requirement for local mitigation plans in order to reduce the Nation's disaster losses; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 27P-6.0023 of the Florida Administrative Code requires mitigation as a component of every county's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §201.1, describes identifying risks and vulnerabilities to natural hazards, developing cost-effective actions and activities to reduce losses from those hazards, and establishing a coordinated process to implement those strategies as to the purpose of mitigation planning for local governments; and

WHEREAS, Title 44 CFR §201.6 requires local governments include comprehensive plans, risk assessments, hazard profiles, and vulnerabilities in terms of land

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use, development, infrastructure, critical facilities, and potential dollar losses in the development of a mitigation strategy to serve as a guide for decision makers as resources are committed to reduce risks from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, this Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) has been updated by the Nassau County LMS Task Force, including representatives of local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation, and the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia, private and non-profit stakeholders, to contain initiatives for 2021-2025 deemed directly necessary and beneficial for the safety and protection of the residents, property and infrastructure within Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Nassau County recognize that the LMS is a living document to which additions, modifications or removal of mitigation proposals may be added, modified, or removed at any time during the LMS life cycle; and

WHEREAS, this LMS has been reviewed and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) as a local strategy consistent with the Enhanced State Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that the Board hereby accepts and adopts the Nassau County Local Mitigation Strategy 2021-2025 document.

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DULY ADOPTED This <u>13th</u> day of <u>December</u>

2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS R. FORD

Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

JOHN A: CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

MICHAEL S. MULLIN