

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2023

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING METRO GOVERNMENT TO ENDORSE ITS HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES

WHEREAS, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (“Metro Government”) through the assistance of the Louisville/Jefferson County Information Consortium (LOJIC) and the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team and Advisory Committee pledged to endorse the development of a disaster resistant community plan using the guidance of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, such a Hazard Mitigation Plan was created, and pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated and approved every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Emergency Management Agency serves as the coordinator for the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and has guided the planning process and assisted committees in developing appropriate mitigation activities to resolve or reduce the natural hazards inherent to this community; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee’s work has updated the proactive Hazard Mitigation Plan that will save lives and help government, local agencies, residents and businesses to prepare for a natural disaster and prevent or reduce losses; and

WHEREAS, the preparation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update was delayed due to COVID-19 and the protests of 2020, but despite requests from both Metro Government and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) refused to grant any extensions for the update; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution requires emergency consideration as authorized by Council Rule 7.01 because the limitations of the regular Metro Council calendar combined with FEMA's requirement that such resolution must be passed before January 20, 2023 or Louisville Metro and the Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District will lose out on grant opportunities relating to disaster prevention and relief, as well as upgrades to the sewer system, would make it impossible to review this matter without either emergency passage or the scheduling of special meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Metro Government is authorized to endorse the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____