

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
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**TO:** Honorable Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

**FROM:** Tad Stone, Director  
Department of Emergency Services

**DATE:** February 10, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution Adopting the Updated 2020  
Indian River County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy

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On July 7, 2015, Indian River County's Updated Unified Local Mitigation Strategy was adopted by Resolution No. 2015-078. The Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations require that all hazard mitigation plans be reviewed and updated as appropriate, and resubmitted to FDEM for approval within five (5) years.

In order to continue to be eligible for the following mitigation grant programs administered by FEMA: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive (PDM-C), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims Program (RFC) and Severe Repetitive Loss Pilot Program (SRL), local governments must have an FDEM/FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in order to apply for and/or receive project grants.

FDEM staff has reviewed and approved our updated plan and has determined that the Indian River County hazard mitigation plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption. Formal adoption of this plan by each municipality must also occur within one calendar year of receipt of FDEM's "Approval Pending Adoption." Upon submittal of a copy of all participating jurisdictions' documentation of their adoption resolutions, FDEM will send all necessary documentation to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who will issue formal approval of the Indian River County Local Mitigation Strategy.

**FUNDING:**

No funding was required to update Indian River County's Unified Local Mitigation Strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution and the updated 2020 Indian River County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy. Staff also requests authority to forward the revised LMS plan to each municipality for their formal approval.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution adopting the updated 2020 Indian River County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy.
2. Copy of Approval Letter from FDEM.

**\*\*Due to its size, the 2020 Plan is on file at the Department of Emergency Services and the Board of County Commissioners Office.\*\***