Resolution #_2021-26__

Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, The Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences, and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ("Disaster Mitigation Act") emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas; an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre-and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas; The County of Leavenworth fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas; the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA region VII officials have reviewed the Kansas Homeland Security Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas; the Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas; adopting by the governing body for the County of Leavenworth demonstrates the jurisdictions' commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan, and

Whereas; adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

Now, there forth, be it resolved, that the Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners adopts the Kansas Homeland Security Region L Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, the Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners will submit this adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval on this ___7th___Day of July, 2021.

Mike Smith, 4th District, Chairman Jeff Culberson, 1st District Vicky Kaaz, 2nd District Doug Smith, 3rd District Mike Stieben, 5th District KAL Janet Klasinski