

RESOLUTION NO. 26-R-_____

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MARION COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY FIVE YEAR PLAN 2025 UPDATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Marion County is vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological, and societal disasters, and the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall safety, health, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Marion County recognizes that regardless of efforts and preparation to reduce or eliminate such vulnerabilities, natural, technological, and societal disasters may occur and recovery from such disasters is critical to the overall safety, health, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ("Act") required each local jurisdiction to establish and maintain an individual local mitigation plan or actively participate in the development and maintenance of a multi-jurisdictional local mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act significantly expanded the mitigation planning requirements in order for state and local jurisdictions to maintain their eligibility for Federal hazard mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 44 CFR Sections 201 and 206 provide that a local jurisdiction(s) must review and revise the local mitigation plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and update the local mitigation plan a minimum of every five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for Federal hazard mitigation funds under the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management ("FDEM") is the State of Florida office responsible for reviewing and coordinating local mitigation plans for State and Federal compliance, as well as distributing State-allocated Federal hazard mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, Rule 9G-22 of the Florida Administrative Code titles a local mitigation plan as the jurisdiction's Local Mitigation Strategy ("LMS") and sets forth the method for monitoring and evaluating changes to hazard assessments, project priority list, critical facilities list, repetitive flood-loss list, and map revisions; and

WHEREAS, Marion County and the City of Ocala, the City of Belleview, the City of Dunnellon, the Town of McIntosh, the Town of Reddick, community interests, and stakeholders

have prepared, adopted, and maintained a Local Mitigation Strategy Plan (“LMS Plan”) which presents a unified strategy toward building a disaster-resilient community; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County LMS Working Group is comprised of thirteen (13) members, one (1) each selected from the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Ocala, the City of Belleview, the City of Dunnellon, the Marion County Emergency Operations Center, the Marion County School Board, the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership, the Ocala Marion County Realtors/Builders Association, the Salvation Army, a local power provider, a local health care provider and two (2) county residents; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners tasked the LMS Working Group to create and maintain the Marion County LMS Plan; and

WHEREAS, Marion County’s original LMS Plan was approved and adopted in 1999 by Resolution No. 99-R-293 and updated by Resolution 05-R-108; Resolution 11-R-129; Resolution 16-R-115; and Resolution 21-R-214; and

WHEREAS, the LMS Working Group prepared the *Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy Five-Year Plan 2025 Update* (“Update”) pursuant to Chapter 44 CFR Sec. 201 and Rule 9G-22, F.A.C., including conducting public outreach to receive public comment and recommendations regarding the Update; and

WHEREAS, the Update has received conditional approval by the FDEM and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the FDEM and FEMA conditional approval of the LMS Update will become final upon adoption of the Update by the Board of County Commissioners; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, Florida:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION. The Marion County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the *Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy Five-Year Plan 2025 Update*.

SECTION 2. COPY OF FILE. A copy of the *Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy Five-Year Plan 2025 Update* shall be maintained on file with the Marion County Clerk of Court, the Board, and in the Marion County Growth Services Department.

SECTION 3. REPEAL AND CONFLICT. The *Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy Five-Year Plan 2025 Update* shall stand as the Marion County Local Mitigation Strategy, superseding prior editions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED on this 16th day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK

CARL ZALAK, III, CHAIRMAN

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