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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ADOPT THE 2020 UPDATE TO THE COUNTYWIDE LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.**

Upon motion by Stacy White, seconded by Kimberly Overman, the following Resolution was approved by a vote of 7 to 0.

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County is located in an area that is vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to federal and state law, a Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) is a plan that presents a unified strategy toward reducing identified hazards within a community; and

WHEREAS, Title 42 United States Code Chapter 68 requires local governments to develop mitigation plans outlining processes for identifying natural hazards, risks and vulnerabilities that may affect their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 201 requires that local governments prepare and adopt a jurisdiction-wide natural hazard mitigation plan; and requires them to review and update said plan every five years in order to be eligible to receive project grant funds under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (“HMGP”); and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution approving the County’s first LMS for Hillsborough County and the cities of Plant City, Tampa, and Temple Terrace; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 27P-22 of the Florida Administrative Code (“FAC”), the county-wide LMS 2020 Update sets forth the method for monitoring and evaluating changes to hazard assessments, the project priority list, the critical facilities list, the repetitive flood-loss list, and map revisions; and

WHEREAS, the LMS is updated annually and sent to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (“FDEM”) pursuant to Chapter 27P-22, FAC; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update has been prepared pursuant to 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 201; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update has received the conditional approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) and the FDEM; and

WHEREAS, the State and Federal conditional approval of the LMS 2020 Update will become final upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA operates the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”); and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update addresses hazard mitigation concerns from the standpoint of Hillsborough County’s participation in the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update continues to serve as the floodplain management plan and to address repetitive flood loss properties; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 update may require future amendments to address changes in Federal floodplain regulations or programs; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP’s Community Rating System (“CRS”) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements; and

WHEREAS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions which meet the CRS’s goals of flood loss reduction, accurate insurance rate facilitation and the promotion of the awareness of flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update serves as a guidance for the Hillsborough County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update works in concert with Chapter 22, Article III, Hillsborough County Code of Ordinances, Part A, which establishes mitigation efforts following a storm event; and

WHEREAS, the LMS Working Group is required by Chapter 27P-22, FAC and has a membership which is approved annually by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update incorporates the local Citizen Corps Council membership into the LMS process; and

WHEREAS, public meetings were held to receive public comment and recommendations for the LMS 2020 Update; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2020 Update was developed by Hillsborough County, the City of Plant City, the City of Tampa, the City of Temple Terrace, community interests, stakeholders, and the communitywide Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the proposed LMS 2020 Update has been filed with the Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, and by this reference is made a part hereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners in a meeting held this   15  th day of July, 2020:

1. That the Local Mitigation Strategy 2020 Update, attached hereto by reference as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted.
2. That the Local Mitigation Strategy 2020 Update shall be forwarded to the City of Plant City, the City of Tampa, and the City of Temple Terrace for consideration.
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

STATE OF FLORIDA                    )  
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 COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH        )

I, Pat Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting of July 15, 2020, as the same appears in Minute Book 530 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 22nd day of July, 2020.

PAT FRANK, CLERK



By: *Patricia Smith*  
 Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

By: *Vivian Arenas-Battles*  
 Senior Assistant County Attorney