

2 **RESOLUTION: Adopt Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update for Winnebago County**

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4 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which requires that a
6 local unit of government must have an approved all hazard mitigation plan before it can receive federal grant monies
7 for pre-disaster mitigation projects; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2004 the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department formed an advisory
9 committee to prepare a county-wide mitigation plan to conform with state and federal guidelines, and said advisory
10 committee drafted a mitigation plan that conformed to federal guidelines; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in July 2004, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors adopted the “All Hazards Mitigation
12 Plan for Winnebago County,” and in September 2009, the Board adopted an update to the All Hazards Mitigation
13 Plan for Winnebago County; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the “All Hazards Mitigation Plan for Winnebago County” that was adopted in 2004 and updated
15 in 2009 is set to expire in 2015; and

16 **WHEREAS**, updating the plan is required to remain compliant with the Federal Emergency Management
17 Agency (FEMA) and the Wisconsin Emergency Management Agency; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Emergency Management Committee reviewed the current “Natural
19 Hazards Mitigation Plan for Winnebago County” and determined:

- 20 1. Natural disasters pose a tangible threat to residents and property;
- 21 2. Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur reduces the potential for harm to residents
22 and property and saves taxpayer dollars;
- 23 3. The plan is in the public’s best interests;
- 24 4. The plan serves as a general strategy and may be amended from time to time;
- 25 5. Nothing in this plan obligates Winnebago County to undertake any of the recommended activities and/or
26 projects; and
- 27 6. Adoption of the plan is needed to apply for federal funding for mitigation projects and to comply with state
28 and federal mandates.

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby finds
31 that:

- 32 1. Natural disasters continue to pose a tangible threat to residents and property of Winnebago County;
- 33 2. The undertaking of hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur reduces the potential for harm to
34 residents and property and will ultimately save taxpayer dollars; and
- 35 3. Adoption of the “Winnebago County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: 2015-2019” is in the public’s best
36 interests.

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby adopts the
39 attached “Winnebago County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: 2015-2019,” which is made a part of this Resolution

and incorporated herein by reference. This Plan, entitled "County Hazard Mitigation Plan—Draft 4 for FEMA Review (large file)," can be viewed on the Winnebago County website (<http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us>).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department Director to make non-substantive revisions to the Plan as may be required to comply with the requirements of the Wisconsin Emergency Management Agency and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Should the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department Director make such authorized changes, she shall forward a copy of the revised Plan and an accompanying summary report describing said amendments to the Winnebago County Executive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the Winnebago County Clerk to send a copy of the adopted plan to Roxanne Gray, the current State Hazard Mitigation Officer for the Wisconsin Emergency Management Agency, for her review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby requires that this Plan be revisited and updated and subscribed to by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for approval no later than five (5) years from the date of this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted by:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **5-0**

Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive