

3 **RESOLUTION: Adopt Winnebago County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

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

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

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

13 **WHEREAS**, in July 2004, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors adopted the "All Hazards Mitigation
14 Plan for Winnebago County" and in September 2009 and November 2015, the Board adopted updates to the "All
15 Hazards Mitigation Plan for Winnebago County"; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County participated jointly in the planning update process with other local units of
17 government within the County to prepare an updated hazard mitigation plan;

18 **WHEREAS**, the "All Hazards Mitigation Plan for Winnebago County" that was adopted in 2004 and updated
19 in 2009 and 2015 expired in 2020; and

20 **WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the update process has been extended. Since Winnebago
21 County is already in the update process, Winnebago County is not considered non-compliant;

22 **WHEREAS**, updating the plan is required to remain compliant with the Federal Emergency Management
23 Agency (FEMA) and the Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) agency; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Emergency Management Committee reviewed the current "Winnebago
25 County Hazard Mitigation Plan" and determined:

- 26 1. Natural disasters pose a tangible threat to residents and property;
- 27 2. Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur reduces the potential for harm to
- 28 residents and property and saves taxpayer dollars;
- 29 3. Winnebago County participated jointly in the planning update process with other local units of
- 30 government within the County to prepare an updated hazard mitigation plan;
- 31 4. The plan is in the public's best interests;
- 32 5. The plan serves as a general strategy and may be amended from time to time;
- 33 6. Nothing in this plan obligates Winnebago County to undertake any of the recommended
- 34 activities and/or projects; and
- 35 7. Adoption of the plan is needed to apply for federal funding for mitigation projects and to comply
- 36 with state and federal mandates.
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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby finds
39 that:

- 40 1. Natural disasters continue to pose a tangible threat to residents and property of Winnebago
- 41 County;

- 42 2. The undertaking of hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur reduces the potential for
43 harm to residents and property and will ultimately save taxpayer dollars; and
44 3. Adoption of the "Winnebago County Hazard Mitigation Plan" is in the public's best interests.

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46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby adopts the
47 attached "Winnebago County Hazard Mitigation Plan," which is made a part of this Resolution and incorporated
48 herein by reference. This Plan, entitled "Winnebago County Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft v7 for FEMA Review" can
49 be viewed on the Winnebago County website (<https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us>).
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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the
52 Winnebago County Emergency Management Department Director to make non-substantive revisions to the Plan as
53 may be required to comply with the requirements of Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and/or the Federal
54 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Should the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department
55 Director make such authorized changes it will not require re-adopting this resolution and he shall forward a copy of
56 the revised Plan and an accompanying summary report describing said amendments to the Winnebago County
57 Executive.
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59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby directs the
60 Winnebago County Clerk to send a copy of the adopted plan to Guenevere Drews, the current State Hazard
61 Mitigation Officer for Wisconsin Emergency Management for her review and approval.
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63 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby requires that
64 this Plan be revisited and updated and subscribed to by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors for approval no
65 later than five (5) years from the date of this Resolution.
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67 Respectfully submitted by:

68 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
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70 Committee Vote: **5-0**
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72 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**
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74 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022.
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77 Jonathan D. Doemel
78 Winnebago County Executive