

**RESOLUTION 2020-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2020 WALTON COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeFuniak Springs, located in Walton County, Florida, has exposure to natural, technological and human-caused hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment and the County's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeFuniak Springs City Council acknowledges that pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeFuniak Springs City Council desires to identify and implement hazard mitigation initiatives that will reduce susceptibility to numerous hazards within the City of DeFuniak Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy Work Group (LMS Work Group) was formed to pool public and private resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Walton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeFuniak Springs City Council supports the LMS Work Group by engaging staff and providing resources in the Group's efforts to protect life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the LMS Work Group has completed a planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural, technological, and human-cause hazards, developed a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy by Resolution on July 28, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy was approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management on August 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeFuniak Springs City Council desires to adopt the plan and the strategies contained therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of DeFuniak Springs City Council, does hereby express its commitment to the following:

- 1) Adopt in its entirety, the 2020 Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), which will replace the former LMS, adopted by the City of DeFuniak Springs City Council on July 27, 2015; and
- 2) Implement the adopted and approved LMS pre- and post-disaster mitigation strategies to the hazards identified within the plan; and
- 3) Coordinate the strategies identified in the LMS with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority; and
- 4) Continue to support the LMS Work Group and continue to participate in the LMS Work Group as described by the LMS; and
- 5) Promote and support the mitigation successes of all LMS Work Group members.

**Section 1. Adoption.**

The City of DeFuniak Springs City Council hereby accepts and adopts the 2020 Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan, in its entirety, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, at a public meeting, on this 24th day of August 2020.

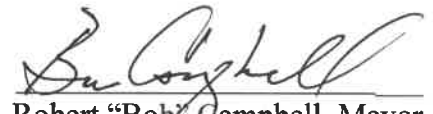
**Section 2. Severability.**

In the event that any portion of this Resolution, for any reason, is held invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall become effective, immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED: August 24, 2020  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS

  
Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk

