



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### ADOPTION OF THE 2019 COOK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating vulnerability to disasters caused by natural hazards for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2000, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Act”) which provides the legal framework for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mitigation, planning requirements for state, local, and tribal governments as a condition of mitigation grant assistance emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects, the Act requires jurisdictions to prepare and adopt hazard mitigation plan to identify and address certain vulnerabilities that exist prior to and during a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA supports post-disaster grant funding through the Hazards Mitigation Grant Program, which has as a condition of funding eligibility, a requirement for jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a hazard mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2014, the Board adopted the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“2014 Plan”), which represented 115 Cook County jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, to maintain continued eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant assistance programs the Act requires a hazard mitigation plan be updated every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, through its Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (“DHSEM”) has evaluated the hazards, risks, and mitigation measures identified in the 2014 Plan, and incorporated the results of these evaluations into a two-volume updated plan (“2019 Plan”) composed of *Volume 1 - Planning-Area-Wide-Elements* and *Volume 2 - Planning Partner Annexes*; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Act’s requirements, 121 Cook County jurisdictions engaged in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare the 2019 Plan and its associated local hazard mitigation plan annexes;

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Plan has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for approval pending adoption by Cook County.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. The Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts, approves and adopts in their entirety Volumes 1 and 2 of the 2019 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Cook County will continue to participate in the updating and revision of the 2019 Plan with another plan review and revision to occur within a five-year cycle, and designated staff will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the 2019 Plan to the Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners approve the 2019 Plan as presented.