

Mr. Caizza offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND
DESIGNATING HIGHLANDS OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AS COORDINATOR
OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands NJ, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management provided federal mitigation funds to support development of the Monmouth County Multi-jurisdictional All Natural Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan;

WHEREAS, this *Hazard Mitigation Plan* has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee;

WHEREAS, this *Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and

WHEREAS, two public meetings were held on, July 17th 2007 and April 28th 2008, to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comment; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands;

1. The *Hazard Mitigation Plan* is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Borough of Highlands; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. The Highlands Office of Emergency Management and the various Municipal Departments identified in the Plan are hereby encouraged to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are applicable to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Borough of Highlands, Mayor and Council, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.

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4. The Highlands Office of Emergency Management is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted by September 15th of each year.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Date: March 18, 2009

NINA LIGHT FLANNERY
Borough Clerk

I, _____, Clerk/Deputy Clerk, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on March 18, 2009.