

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**R-14-251**

**RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE FEMA DIRECTIVE VERBALLY GIVEN TO THE BOROUGH'S  
FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR CONCERNING ELEVATION/CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES TO  
COMPLY WITH THE MORE STRINGENT STANDARDS BETWEEN THE CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE  
FLOOD MAPS FROM 2009 AND THE CURRENT PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands, its residents and its housing stock suffered significant, substantial and catastrophic damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy in October 2012; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the storm, many residents – including a majority of downtown residents – have been displaced from their homes; and

WHEREAS, many of those displaced, to date, continue to work to repair the damage to their home, reconstruct their home and/or elevate their homes; and

WHEREAS, many residents have not returned to their homes; and

WHEREAS, representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency advised the Borough's Floodplain Administrator that construction and elevation of homes must comply with the more restrictive 2009 effective maps, rather than the preliminary 2014 flood maps; and

WHEREAS, representatives of FEMA have refused to place that directive in writing; and

WHEREAS, that directive has caused uncertainty and confusion among Borough residents and only serves as an impediment to completing new home construction and/or elevation; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands opposes the verbal FEMA directive and strongly encourages FEMA to rescind that directive and provide final approval of its proposed floodplain maps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands that the Borough opposes FEMA's directive to the Borough's Floodplain Administrator that construction and elevation of homes must comply with the stricter 2009 maps, rather than the 2014 preliminary maps; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the governing body encourages FEMA to provide written confirmation that the aforementioned directive is hereby rescinded, ineffective and not the official position of the FEMA; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the local and national representatives of FEMA, Governor Christopher J. Christie, Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Frank Pallone, Senator Joseph Kyrillos, Assemblywoman Amy Handlin, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, the Monmouth County Freeholders and the Monmouth County Clerk.

	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARD			x			
KANE	x		x			
REDMOND						x
RYAN			x			
NOLAN		x	x			
ON CONSENT AGENDA      YES    x    NO						

DATE: December 10, 2014

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Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of Resolution R-14-251 adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on December 10, 2014.

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Borough Clerk/Deputy Clerk