

RESOLUTION NO. ____

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.19 imposes upon every political subdivision within the Commonwealth the responsibility for local disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.20 authorizes political subdivisions within the Commonwealth to collaborate with other localities to develop regional disaster operations plans; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, requires that local governments develop, adopt and update natural hazard mitigation plans in order to receive certain types of federal disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC), comprised of representatives from the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park; and the Towns of Dumfries, Haymarket, Herndon, Leesburg, Lovettsville, Middleburg, Purcellville, Occoquan, Round Hill and Vienna; was convened in order to assess the risks of hazards facing the Northern Virginia region, and to make recommendations on actions to be taken to mitigate these hazards; and

WHEREAS, the MAC has prepared the 2017 Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“Plan”) in accordance with FEMA requirements that are set out at 44 C.F.R. § 201.6; and

WHEREAS, the Plan incorporates the comments, ideas and concerns of the community and of the public in general, which the Plan is designed to protect, which were obtained through a series of public meetings, publication of the draft Plan, press releases and other outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled legislative meeting on May 9, 2017, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, approved the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

1. That the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, recognizes that recent events like the derecho (2012), Hurricane Sandy (2012) and Winter Storm Jonas (2016) are captured in current FEMA-approved plan pending the update and adoption of the 2017 Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Being fully committed to hazard mitigation planning and activities, the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, calls upon the Alexandria Office of Emergency Management and other affected agencies, as part of the next update, to fully endeavor to identify, evaluate and include these events and impacts as part of the hazard mitigation plan.

2. That the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, hereby adopts the 2017 Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated April 2017, and resolves to execute the actions set out in the Plan.

3. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED:

ALLISON SILBERBERG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC
City Clerk