

**A RESOLUTION OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) UNDER THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM RESULTING
FROM DAMAGE COST INCURRED FROM TROPICAL STORM JOSEPHINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE
MANATEE COUNTY POST DISASTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Public Law 93-288, Section 404.(a) defining the costs associated for hazard mitigation measures which the President has determined are cost-effective and which substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss or suffering in any area affected by a major disaster, and

WHEREAS, such measures shall be identified following the evaluation of natural hazards under section 409 and shall be subject to approval by the President of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is designed to assist local governments to include mitigation as they reconstruct after a disaster. Projects that mitigate losses, should another similar disaster occur, are eligible projects, available to local governments, and other tax exempt authorities. There are limited funds available in this program, amounting to fifteen percent of the disaster total. It is a seventy five percent Federal cost share, requiring twenty five percent non federal cost share, estimated federal assistance under the Stafford Act. Local government sponsored elevation/relocation projects typically are eligible, and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Josephine struck Florida's Northeast gulf coastline on October 7, 1996, traveling in a Northeasterly direction, exiting through the northeastern part of the state. The tropical storm extended outward 175 miles from the center. The feeder bands associated with this event impacted much of Florida, spawning tornados, large amounts of rainfall, and a tidal storm surge, and

WHEREAS, Manatee County was impacted in the form of storm surge and coastal erosion with homes, business and roadways being flooded and damaged or destroyed, and

WHEREAS, due to the affects of Tropical Storm Josephine, Manatee County is eligible to apply for \$8,718.00 in funding through The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. The submission of a grant program to FEMA under The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is hereby authorized.
2. The Chairman or in her absence the Vice Chairman is authorized to execute all appropriate documents with regard this application.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 25th day of February, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Janice M. Glass
Chairman

ATTEST: J. R. B. Stone

By: [Signature]
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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