

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
NORTHERN PIEDMONT REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Winston-Salem is vulnerable to an array of natural hazards that can cause loss of life and damage to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, Winston-Salem desires to seek ways to mitigate situations that may aggravate such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of a hazard mitigation plan can result in actions that reduce the long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Winston-Salem City Council to protect its citizens and property from the effects of natural hazards by preparing and maintaining a local hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Article 5, Section 160D-501 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, P.L. 106-390, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and.

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding, and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem, in coordination with Caswell, Davie, Forsyth, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties and the participating municipalities within those Counties, has prepared a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan with input from the appropriate local and state officials; and

WHEREAS, Winston-Salem has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of Winston-Salem to fulfill this obligation in order that the City of Winston-Salem will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, hereby adopt the 2025 Northern Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and agree to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the proposed actions of the Plan.