## RESOLUTION NO. RS-2023-35

## RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

## **RECITALS**

- 1. Washington County will likely be affected by a future natural, technological, and/or man-made hazard event.
- 2. A natural, technological, or man-made hazard event could cause significant structural, historical, and/or economic loss.
- 3. Undertaking mitigation projects during pre-disaster periods could decrease the total losses Washington County suffers due to a hazard occurrence.
- 4. The Board of County Commissioners for Washington County, Maryland, has a strong interest in reducing losses from any future hazard occurrence and believes that implementation of a hazard mitigation plan will result in loss reductions.
- 5. The hazard mitigation plan is a federal and State requirement to maintain eligibility for hazard mitigation funding and, by that requirement, must be updated a minimum of every five (5) years.
- 6. A cooperative, joint effort is a proven efficient way to plan for and reduce hazard susceptibility in all government jurisdictions in Washington County, Maryland.
- 7. The Washington County Office of Emergency Management has undertaken a project to update the existing *Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan* in an effort to further identify, define, and characterize hazards affecting Washington County and to continue identifying and prioritizing projects that could lessen hazard vulnerability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, does hereby adopt the updated *Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan* this <u>5</u> day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dawn I Marcus Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Kirk C. Downey, County Attorney

Board of County Commissioners for

Washington County, Maryland

John F. Barr, President