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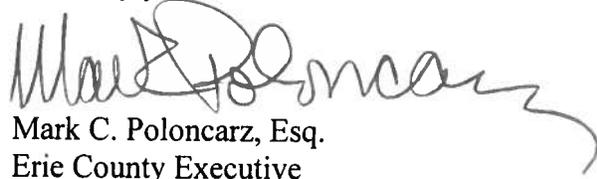
Re: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting the approval of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Dan Neaverth Jr. at the Department of Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Emergency Services
Re: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval
Date: June 2, 2015

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services is requesting approval of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan written for Erie County and its 44 Municipalities. This plan is prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and will supersede the All Hazard Mitigation Plan that this honorable body approved in 2007. This plan will allow for Erie County and its 44 municipalities to receive funding after a disaster or for mitigation purposes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. Now, if there is a disaster or mitigation is necessary, the county will be able to submit to FEMA for reimbursement of funds spent during the disaster.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to submit claims for reimbursement if there is a disaster or if mitigation is necessary due to a disaster. All 44 municipalities will be able to work off of the County's plan for reimbursement once each of the municipalities approves the plan. The plan was put on the County's website for 30 days for citizens to review, comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan. This plan will be updated every five (5) years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As a result of existing threats to homeland security, both natural and man-made, FEMA has asked us to develop a plan for disaster and mitigation after a disaster strikes. Once the county approves this plan, it will be submitted to each of the 44 municipalities where they will be able to utilize the county's plan to assist with reimbursement funding as well. This plan will then be updated every five (5) years in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and FEMA.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation the plan will not be approved and the county and 44 municipalities will not be able to seek reimbursement for disaster and mitigation purposes after a disaster strikes.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The plan will be adopted and the Department of Emergency Services will work with the 44 municipalities to get the plan adopted by their local governments. All will then be able to submit for FEMA reimbursement if a disaster strikes.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard
Mitigation Plan Approval

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been written for Erie County and its 44 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the action in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan needs adoption and acceptance by your Honorable Body in order to submit it to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), along with the other 44 municipal resolutions; and

WHEREAS, this plan will allow Erie County and its 44 municipalities to receive funding after a disaster or for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services – Disaster Preparedness Division, is authorized to receive this revision of Comm. 3E-19 dated February 1, 2007 from this Honorable Body, which hereby indicates the adoption and acceptance of the Erie County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and to forward this resolution, along with the other 44 municipality's resolutions to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) so the plan can be completely approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will be reviewed and amended, as needed, within a period of every five (5) years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow Erie County and its 44 municipalities to receive funding from FEMA, as a result of a federally declared disaster, and/or for mitigation aid; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.