Sponsored by: Council as a Whole Resolution No. 20-02

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ST. LOUIS REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020-2025, AS UPDATED IN 2019

WHEREAS, Federal Statute requires that the Hazard Mitigation Plan be updated and readopted every five years; and

WHEREAS, in Missouri the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has funded East-West Gateway Council of Governments to prepare an update to the regional plan, last completed in 2015-2020, on behalf of Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties, and the City of St. Louis, and 135 participating municipalities and 50 school districts; and

WHEREAS, planning partners include STARRS, county emergency managers, Municipal League representatives, St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of Community Organizations Active in Disaster (SLARCC), and EducationPlus; and

WHEREAS, the plan was prepared in accordance with guidelines established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and SEMA, and these agencies have authority for the final review and approval of the plan; and

WHEREAS, East-West Gateway Council of Governments submitted the Final Plan and FEMA has approved the plan; and
WHEREAS, this plan is designed to help protect public safety and prevent loss of life or injury in the event of a natural disaster, and is also designed to reduce risk to existing and future development and to prevent damage to each community’s unique economic, cultural and environmental assets; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Plan will also help to improve the operational effectiveness of local governments and school districts following any natural disaster, by providing recommendations for advance preparation; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles County has participated in the preparation of a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the *St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020-2025* (hereafter referred to as the *Plan*) in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the *Plan* identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the St. Charles County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the County governing body recognizes that land use policies have a major impact on whether people and property are exposed to natural hazards, and St. Charles County will endeavor to integrate the *Plan* into the comprehensive planning process; and
WHEREAS, adoption by St. Charles County demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the *Plan*.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, THAT:

Section 1. St. Charles County hereby adopts the *ST. LOUIS REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020-2025, AS UPDATED IN 2019*.

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DATE PASSED  CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL