

RESOLUTION 2020-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE
TOWN OF HILLCREST HEIGHTS, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE
2020 POLK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL
MITIGATION STRATEGY UPDATE.**

WHEREAS, areas of Polk County, including the Town of Hillcrest Heights, are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological, and societal disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Hillcrest Heights realizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall public health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, a Local Mitigation Strategy is a LMS which presents a unified strategy to building a disaster-resilient community; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires each local jurisdiction to have either its own local mitigation strategy or to actively participate in the development and maintenance of multi-jurisdictional mitigation strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hillcrest Heights actively participated in the development and maintenance of the Polk County Local Mitigation Strategy as adopted in 2002, 2005, 2010, and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hillcrest Heights has actively participated in the 2020 update to the Local Mitigation Strategy through the Polk County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process to eliminate or decrease these vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, Town of Hillcrest Heights representatives and staff have identified, justified, and prioritized proposed projects and programs needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of the Town of Hillcrest Heights to the impacts of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County 2020 Multi-Jurisdictional LMS incorporated these proposed projects and programs into the update that has been prepared and issued for consideration and adoption by the jurisdictions of Polk County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management has issued an "Approval Pending Adoption" of the Polk County 2020 Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Commission of the Town of Hillcrest Heights:

1. The Town Commission of the Town of Hillcrest Heights hereby accepts and adopts its designated portion of the "Polk County 2020 Multi-Jurisdictional LMS".

2. Agency personnel of the Town of Hillcrest Heights shall pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals and projects designated therein.
3. Agencies and organizations within the Town of Hillcrest Heights will, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement proposals contained in the LMS.
4. The Town of Hillcrest Heights will continue to participate in the updating and expanding of the LMS in future years.
5. The Town of Hillcrest Heights will encourage businesses, industries, and community groups operating within Polk County to also participate in updating and expansion of the LMS in the years ahead.
6. The Town of Hillcrest Heights will continue to participate in the furtherance of public involvement opportunities.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Town Commission of the Town of Hillcrest Heights, Florida, in regular session, this ____ day of ____, 2020.

By:
Town of Hillcrest Heights

Mike Bishop
Mayor

Attest:

Larry Blackwelder
Town Clerk