



CITY OF BETHLEHEM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: President Waldron
From: Robert J. Donchez, Mayor
Re: Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Date: October 31, 2018

Please find attached a resolution adopting the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires the development and submission of such a plan to the President of the United States for approval and that the approved plan be adopted as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster hazard mitigation grant program funds.

Therefore, I am requesting that the attached resolution be placed on the November 7, 2018 Council agenda.



ROBERT J. DONCHEZ, MAYOR

Cc: City Council
Eric Evans
Bob Novatnack

Resolution No. _____

**Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Municipal Adoption Resolution**

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem, located in the Counties of Lehigh and Northampton, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and non-natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President of the United States a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by Lehigh County Emergency Services and the Northampton County Emergency Management Services in cooperation with other county departments, officials and citizens of the City of Bethlehem, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce the loss of life and property affected by natural and non-natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem:

- That Robert J. Donchez, Mayor, is authorized to adopt the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City of Bethlehem, and
- The respective officials and agencies of the City of Bethlehem, identified in the implementation strategy of the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan, are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

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