RESOLUTION NO. 2012-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF ADOPTING THE 2012 CITY OF FLAGSTAFF RESILIENCY AND PREPAREDNESS STUDY AS A PUBLIC RECORD AND ADOPTING MUNICIPAL RESILIENCY AND PREPAREDNESS POLICY STATEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff has experienced significant damage from natural and human-caused hazards such as flooding, wildfire, drought, thunderstorms, high winds, winter storms, traffic accidents and hazardous materials incidents on many occasions, resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, climate variability and weather related disasters can pose a threat to existing community priorities and affect the City's ability to deliver on its existing commitments; and

WHEREAS, historical weather data alone is no longer sufficient to plan for a prosperous future; instead, in looking to the future, the City should also incorporate projected changes in local climate and associated impacts into its operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff is dedicated to building, maintaining and protecting public resources, safety, and infrastructure by preparing for and effectively managing extreme weather events and related flooding, wildfires, and other natural and human caused hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff is dedicated to the active management of natural resources so that the City can continue to provide important services to the Flagstaff community, including water resources, forest health and public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff recognizes that changes in local climate may create opportunities in the region and supports a diverse and thriving economy that can adapt; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are committed to building resiliency and wish to complement existing emergency response and relief efforts by integrating additional preparedness measures so that potential weather impacts can be identified and mitigated up front as a strategy to avoid more significant costs in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff has completed the 2012 City of Flagstaff Resiliency and Preparedness Study which identifies natural and human-caused hazards that affect the City, assesses the vulnerability and risk posed by those hazards, and recommends policies for preparing for those identified hazards; and

WHEREAS, three copies of the "City of Flagstaff Resiliency and Preparedness Study" have been placed on file with the City Clerk so that the official copies thereof shall be readily available to the public;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the "City of Flagstaff Resiliency and Preparedness Study", three copies of which are on file as a public record in the office of the City Clerk, is hereby declared to be a public record; and the City Clerk is directed to maintain three copies of that certain document to be available for inspection by the public.

Section 2: That the City of Flagstaff hereby ~~adopts Policies 1 through 7 of~~ acknowledges the City of Flagstaff Resiliency and Preparedness Study with the clarification that the bullet-pointed strategies associated with each policy within the study are illustrative only and are specifically excluded from adoption~~.~~, and therefore adopts the overarching policies exhibited in Sections 3 through 9 below.

Section 3: (Policy 1) That the City of Flagstaff will build, sustain and leverage partnerships with local and regional stakeholders to ensure collective investment, efficient action and shared responsibility in the building of local resiliency.

Section 4: (Policy 2) That the City of Flagstaff will consider the exacerbation of impacts to City operations when weather is combined with the circumstances of an aging and growing population as well as differential exposures to pollution, poverty and access to resources.

Section 5: (Policy 3) That the City of Flagstaff will institutionalize incremental resiliency within City operations by ensuring that key operational decisions integrate resiliency.

Section 6: (Policy 4) That the City of Flagstaff will take into account design and economic elements along with weather extremes in City planning for new development and supporting existing development needs.

Section 7: (Policy 5) That the City of Flagstaff will prioritize proactive education within City operations as a means to build individual, organizational and community resiliency to weather impacts and climate related disasters.

Section 8: (Policy 6) That the City of Flagstaff will develop comprehensive criteria that incorporate City priorities including resiliency into all City planning efforts.

Section 9: (Policy 7) That the City of Flagstaff will allocate, as appropriate, municipal resources necessary to adapt City operations to weather, including evidence based, ongoing assessment of the City's vulnerability and risk to climate variability.

Section 10: That the City Manager, or his designee, will implement these policies, with approval by the City Council, in cooperation with other City divisions and will provide annual performance evaluation updates to the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Flagstaff this 5 day of June, 2012.

Celia Barotz
VICE - MAYOR

ATTEST:

Margie Brennan
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Womochil for
CITY ATTORNEY