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A RESOLUTION concerning the

**2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Dated May 2021**

For the purpose of adopting the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to be eligible for certain Federal assistance for any natural hazards.

WHEREAS, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, at 42 U.S.C. § 5165, and 44 CFR Part 201.6 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, require the municipalities to adopt a mitigation plan in order to be eligible for grants to implement certain mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) municipalities have experienced past flooding and other natural hazard events that pose risks to public health and safety, may cause serious property damage, and a plan is needed to address the results of these events: and

WHEREAS the planning process fostered by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future impacts of such hazards; and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut has provided federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance program funds to support development of the mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") has been updated by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and staff from RiverCOG and 15 of its municipal members, including the Town of Chester; and

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends several mitigation actions that will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS a public meeting was held on September 29 2020, to present the Plan and proposed mitigation actions and to solicit questions and comments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen of Chester, Connecticut, that the Hazard Mitigation Plan, including Volume I and the annex for our municipality, is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipal offices identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended priority actions that are assigned to their agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any action proposed in the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if funding is required, and this resolution may not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen is designated to coordinate with other offices and entities and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare a progress report as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2021.

APPROVED:

First Selectman

ATTEST:

(Jurisdiction representative)