RESOLUTION 71-4

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NAVAJO, STATE OF ARIZONA, TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PROTECT PERSONS AND PROPERTY FROM FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO QUALIFY RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF NAVAJO FOR FLOOD INSURANCE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMENDED FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE ACT OF 1968.

WHEREAS, certain areas of Navajo County are subject to periodic flooding from streams, washes and intermittent river flow, causing serious damages to residential properties within these areas, and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 as amended, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County to comply with land use and management criteria regulations as required in said act; and set forth in the Rules and Regulations published in the Federal Register, Volume 36, No. 176, September 10, 1971; and

WHEREAS, it is also the intent of the Board of Supervisors to recognize and duly evaluate flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the flood plain areas having special flood hazards, and

WHEREAS, Navajo County has authority under Section 11-801 through Section 11-806.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, to adopt land use and flood control measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County, hereby assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it will take legislative action as follows:

(1) If necessary, enact or modify, and maintain in force for those areas, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria set forth in Subpart A of Section 1910, including 1910.5 of the National Flood Insurance Regulations, and

(2) Take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program. Such actions will include but not limited to:

(a) Assisting the Federal Insurance Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the flood plain having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of the building sites.

(b) After flood insurance is made available, furnishing representatives of the National Flood Insurers Association, or appropriate Federal or State agencies, information concerning new or substantially improved structures within the area of special flood hazard. This information will include floor elevations and , if there is a basement, the distance between the first floor and the bottom of the lowest opening where water flowing on the ground will enter.

(c) Cooperating with Federal, State, and local agencies which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify flood-prone areas as well as well as cooperating with neighboring jurisdictions with respect to adjoining flood plains in order to prevent aggravation of the flooding problem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby appoints the County Engineer with the responsibility, authority, and means to implement the commitment made herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the minutes of the official meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Navajo, State of Arizona, this 6th day of December, 1971.

Max E. Taylor
Max E. Taylor, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
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ATTEST:

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December 7, 1971

Mr. George K. Bernstein
Federal Insurance Administrator
Department of Housing and
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Washington, D. C. 20410

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Navajo, State of Arizona, does request, with this submission, that Navajo County be declared eligible for Federal Flood Insurance under Public Laws 90-448 abd 91-152; and that Navajo County be qualified to receive the many benefits relating to the program.

The Board of Supervisors recognizes the dangers of flooding of the many washes, streams and rivers in Navajo County. Heavy flood damage was experienced by many of our citizens, to their homes and property, during 1970 Labor Day Weekend flooding of the Little Colorado River, in the areas of Holbrook and Winslow.

Again, this year, September 30, an almost identical flooding of the Little Colorado occurred, resulting in much damage to both homes and property.

Presently, efforts are being concentrated in Navajo County through the cooperation of local citizen groups, the local governments, plus such federal agencies which include the National Weather Service, Department of Agriculture, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Geological Survey, and the State Division of Emergency Services; in planning for flood prevention and early warning, and the establishment of an area-wide Watershed Association.

It is the ernest desire of the Navajo County Board of Supervisors to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, land use and Flood Plain Zoning, as evidenced by the attachment, Navajo County resolution of Intent. Maps under separate cover are being forwarded and include Navajo County, Winslow, Holbrook and Joseph City.

Thanking you for your serious consideration of our request, we shall be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Max E. Taylor, Chairman

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