

RESOLUTION NO. 9648

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Robert M. Perez, Ph.D., concerning the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials have reviewed the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Governing Body for the City of Topeka demonstrates the jurisdictions' commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan; and

WHEREAS, Shawnee County has adopted the plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the City of Topeka adopts the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Topeka will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on April 8, 2025.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk