

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 126

NEW YORK CITY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

March 4, 2009

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-390, was enacted to establish a national disaster hazard mitigation program to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from natural disasters, and to assist state, local and Indian tribal governments in implementing effective hazard mitigation measures designed to ensure the continuation of critical services and facilities after a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act requires such governments to develop hazard mitigation plans to identify the natural hazards that could impact their jurisdictions, identify actions and activities to mitigate the effects of those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement such plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York (the “City”) has been and continues to be committed to reducing the loss of life and property, alleviating human suffering and economic disruption, and controlling disaster assistance costs resulting from natural hazards and accelerating the City’s recovery after the occurrence of any such hazard; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”), in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of natural hazards throughout the City and with input from the private sector and other members of the public, developed the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of New York, which identifies natural hazards that have the potential to occur in the City and establishes mitigation strategies to address these hazards; and

WHEREAS, such Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) subject to adoption by the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan developed by OEM and approved by FEMA is hereby adopted as the City’s hazard mitigation plan pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act.

§ 2. OEM shall be the agency responsible for monitoring, evaluating and updating the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act.

§ 3. All agencies shall provide such assistance and cooperation as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and carry out the City's responsibilities under the Disaster Mitigation Act.

§ 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor