RESOLUTION NO. 2017- | |

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SHARP COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WITH INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AND TO WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be drought, earthquake, flooding, severe thunderstorms, severe winter weather, tornadoes or wildfire and recognizes the importance enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas may have previously pursued measures such as building codes, fire codes, floodplain management regulations, zoning ordinances, and storm water management regulations to minimize the impact of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management Agency have developed a natural hazard mitigation program that assists communities in their efforts to become Disaster-Resistant Communities that focus, not just on disaster relief, but also on recovery and reconstruction that brings the community to at least pre-disaster conditions in an accelerated, orderly and preplanned manner; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Natural Hazards Mitigation program, the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas will be eligible to apply for post-disaster mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas will implement pertinent precepts of the mitigation plan in cooperation with community partners and by incorporation of relevant information into other community plans and mechanisms where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas will participate in the evaluation and review of the Plan after a disaster as well as complete a mandated five-year update submitted to the State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas acknowledges that participation in the plan is voluntary, not mandatory, and can withdraw and not be eligible for said grant funds at any time, or upon update of the plan at least every five years as required, and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Cherokee Village with the concurrence of the Mayor:

The City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas herby approves the Regional Multijurisdictional Natural Hazarded Mitigation Plan attached hereto for the purpose of building a safer community by reducing natural hazard vulnerability.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL

Date: 8/18/2017

Approved: Russell Strand

Attest: Deborah Weichinger, City Clerk



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July 07, 2017

RE: Sharp County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mayor,

Sharp County and White River Planning and Development District, Inc. are pleased to announce that the Sharp County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to which you are a participant of was recently approved by FEMA and the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. Although the plan has now been approved, it *will not* be in effect until all participating jurisdictions pass adoption resolutions by their governing bodies and return them to White River Planning and Development for submittal to FEMA.

Attached to this letter is an adoption resolution for your city/town which needs to be passed at your next council meeting. This included resolution may be used or you may create your own, however it must state that the city approves the plan and intends to participate with the same verbiage provided.

We have included a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience in returning the resolution. A final copy of the plan will be sent to the city/town after adoption; however a draft has been provided for resolution passage purposes only. After all participating jurisdictions pass their resolutions and Arkansas Department of Emergency Management sends final approval, a digital copy will be sent to you for your city/town.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call (870.793.5233) or email Regan Miller at regan@wrpdd.org.

Sincerely,

Regan Miller

Mitigation Planner

White River Planning and Development, Inc.