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RESOLUTION NO. R-08-05

Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, P.L. 106-390 (DMA 2000), requires jurisdictions (states, counties, towns and special districts) to have a hazard mitigation plan; and

Whereas, a local government hazard mitigation plan must be approved in accordance with 44 CFR Part 201.6 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disasters declared after November 1, 2004, for the local government to maintain eligibility for pre- and post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Project Grant funds administered by FEMA; and

Whereas, the City of Gadsden/Etowah County Emergency Management Agency contracted with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission to create a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan for Etowah County and the municipalities within Etowah County; and

Whereas, representatives of the City of Gadsden and the City of Gadsden/Etowah County Emergency Management Agency and representatives of other municipalities in Etowah County participated in the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and the setting of priorities for each local government in Etowah County; and

Whereas, after consultation with the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission has completed the plan in accordance with DMA 2000 guidelines; and

Whereas, to fulfill the continuing citizen participation requirement of DMA 2000, the hazard mitigation plan must be made available to the public for review and comment and must be updated every five years; and

Whereas, public hearings were held by the Etowah County Commission on February 19 and September 21, 2004; and

Whereas, the Etowah County Commission adopted the Etowah County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan on September 21, 2004;

Whereas, the City of Gadsden recognizes the vulnerability of its resources, property and operations to the impacts of disasters and emergencies; and

Whereas, by adopting a hazard mitigation plan, the City of Gadsden will help ensure the long-term viability of the city and lessen the effects on the city from recurring damage due to natural hazards; and

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA, that the Etowah County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, developed by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission in accordance with DMA 2000, is adopted as the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Gadsden.

I certify that the City Council of Gadsden, Alabama, duly adopted this resolution at a meeting held on January 11, 2005.



Iva Nelson, City Clerk