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Dear Municipal Representatives,

I am pleased to announce that on July 25, 2024, the Cook County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2024 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (CCMJHMP) which has been approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you and your municipal colleagues for your partnership throughout this process. We are proud of this plan to further build resilience across Cook County, and we are incredibly grateful for the commitment you've made to advancing this important work.

This process requires all participating jurisdictions to officially adopt the plan through resolution. Every participating jurisdiction must adopt the Cook County Plan through resolution within one year to be officially recognized by FEMA as being part of the CCMJHMP. The next steps are as follows:

- Each participating jurisdiction is required to adopt the CCMJHMP by resolution.
- Once the jurisdiction adopts the plan, the approved resolution must be sent to the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS).
- All resolutions will then be forwarded by EMRS to IEMA, who then provides official notice to FEMA.
- Each jurisdiction will then receive an approval letter from FEMA stating they are officially in the plan and are now eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding.

EMRS will be providing your jurisdiction with a toolkit to assist you in this process to adopt the 2024 Plan. As always, we welcome your feedback and the opportunity to answer any questions. Please reach out to our assigned staff lead for this initiative, Kim Nowicki, for any additional assistance or support. She can be reached at Kimberly.Nowicki@cookcountyil.gov or (312)639-9683.

Thanks again for this partnership and we look forward to receiving your final approved resolution.

Respectfully,

Theodore (Ted) Berger Executive Director

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