

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN  
APPLICATION FOR FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS TO ELEVATE  
THE PUBLIC RESTROOMS IN FRONT BEACH**

**WHEREAS**, on October 05, 2015 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a major disaster declaration in the State of South Carolina in response to severe storms and flooding during the period of October 01, 2015 to October 23, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, with this declaration FEMA, through the State of South Carolina Emergency Management Division (EMD), is making funds available for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HGMP), which provides local governments, including the City of Isle of Palms, significant opportunities to implement long-term mitigation measures that reduce, minimize, or eliminate potential damages to public infrastructure from natural hazards;

**WHEREAS**, as a barrier island and due to its low elevation, the City of Isle of Palms is vulnerable to natural disasters, particularly hurricanes and flooding as a result of torrential rains, high tides, and storm surges,

**WHEREAS**, the City has and continues to maximize steps to be as disaster resistant as possible,

**WHEREAS**, the City's Public Restrooms facility, located in Front Beach should be replaced and does not meet current flood management standards since it was constructed prior the standards being in place,

**WHEREAS**, the existing building is located in a "V" zone and must be elevated so that the bottom of the lowest supporting structure is above base flood elevation,

**WHEREAS**, structural elevation is an eligible and fundable project by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provided that it is cost effective, contributes to the long-term solution to the problem intended to be addressed and eliminates the risk of further damage to the property as a result of natural hazards;

**WHEREAS**, the City understands that FEMA and EMD have put in place a formal process for preparing, reviewing and administering such grants and is prepared to dedicate staff and other resources as needed to fully participate in the process;

**WHEREAS**, The City of Isle of Palms possesses sufficient funds to fulfill its match obligations related to this grant application should FEMA award the grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS AS FOLLOWS:**

The City Administrator is authorized to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for the purpose specified above and shall serve as the City's designated agent to implement the grant should it be approved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2016.**



Richard F. Cronin, Mayor