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2 1-7, 2019, as Natural Disaster Resiliency Week.

3 *Whereas, Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of*
4 *life and property by lessening the impact of disasters and is*
5 *most effective when implemented under a comprehensive,*
6 *long-term mitigation plan;*

7 *Whereas, The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program,*
8 *administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency*
9 *(FEMA), is designed to assist states and local communities in*
10 *implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard*
11 *mitigation program;*

12 *Whereas, Federal legislation recently signed into law, the*
13 *Disaster Recovery Reform Act, makes available new dollars for*
14 *states and communities to undertake pre-disaster mitigation*
15 *measures and creates new incentives for states to build*
16 *resiliently;*

17 *Whereas, Since 1908, natural disasters have cost the country*
18 *more than \$1 trillion;*

19 *Whereas, Disasters affect local and state economies in lost*
20 *payrolls, lost sales and income taxes, and increased disaster*
21 *recovery times;*

22 *Whereas, According to a FEMA commissioned study*
23 *conducted by the National Institute of Building Sciences, every*
24 *\$1 spent on hazard mitigation provides the nation with \$6 in*
25 *future benefits;*



1 *Whereas, Twenty-five percent of small businesses that are*
 2 *impacted by a natural disaster never reopen their doors;*

3 *Whereas, September is National Preparedness Month in*
 4 *recognition of the need for all Americans to prepare and plan*
 5 *for recovery after a disaster;*

6 *Whereas, Mitigation planning is a key process used to break*
 7 *the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated*
 8 *damage;*

9 *Whereas, Effective pre-disaster mitigation reduces the*
 10 *demand for relief services on volunteer organizations such as*
 11 *disaster rescue and recovery teams, along with food banks and*
 12 *homeless shelters who serve our communities by changing their*
 13 *operations to provide additional services to those affected by*
 14 *disaster;*

15 *Whereas, Countless brave men and women selflessly provide*
 16 *aid in a disaster as first responders; and*

17 *Whereas, The National Council of Insurance Legislators*
 18 *encourages communities throughout the country to build*
 19 *resiliently and develop long-range mitigation strategies for*
 20 *protecting people and property from future hazard events:*
 21 *Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 23 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 24 *the Senate concurring:*

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
 26 September 1-7, 2019, as Natural Disaster Resiliency Week to
 27 raise public awareness about the continuing need to plan for
 28 future disasters by instituting a pre-disaster mitigation strategy.

29 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
 30 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the office
 31 of State Representative Matthew Lehman for distribution.

