

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

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GOVERNOR

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE HAWAII STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The State of Hawaii has suffered substantial losses of life and property from natural hazards. Since 1982, two major hurricanes and three large flooding events resulted in Federal disasters and caused considerable human suffering and damage to homes, businesses, government buildings, and infrastructure assets.

The State of Hawaii and the four County governments have taken positive and proactive measures to minimize disaster losses. Improvements in building codes and standards have made many structures less vulnerable to high winds, flooding, and earthquakes. Also, mitigation projects to harden critical facilities and to increase the number of emergency shelter spaces have been implemented. Despite these successes, significant work remains to further reduce the risks to our residents and visitors.

The State mitigation plan which incorporates input from the county plans and the private sector addresses hazards confronting the State, assesses risks and vulnerabilities, evaluates State mitigation capability, lists mitigation goals and objectives, and proposes high priority and cost-effective mitigation projects.

This plan serves as the fundamental document to promote and implement hazard mitigation activities in the State. The State Hazard Mitigation Forum, comprised of representatives from all levels of government and the private sector, will continue to serve as the advisory hazard mitigation planning element to the Civil Defense Division, Hawaii State Department of Defense.

The State Hazard Mitigation Plan is in compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The State will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations during the period for which it receives grant funding, in compliance with 44 CFR 13.11 (c), and will amend its plan whenever necessary to reflect changes in State or Federal laws and statutes as required in 44 CFR.

I hereby approve the plan for implementation.



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