

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND AFFILIATES ON THE DEDICATED WORK IN GETTING WASHTENAW COUNTY PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE STORMREADY DESIGNATION

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, on June 12, 2001, Washtenaw County received the StormReady designation from the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, StormReady is a nationwide community preparedness program that uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle all types of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, the program encourages communities to take a new, proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service – StormReady Program has specific criteria in addition to the technical requirements which Washtenaw County must meet to receive this designation; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County met the criteria through the establishment of a 24-hour warning point and Emergency Operations Center; by providing at least three methods to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts; establishing numerous methods of disseminating severe weather warnings to the general public; create a system that monitors weather conditions locally, promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars and develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training spotters and holding emergency exercises; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby commends the Emergency Management Department and Affiliates on the dedicated work in getting Washtenaw County prepared to receive the StormReady Designation and wishes them continued success in their future endeavors.