



**BRUNSWICK COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING FOR THE  
DISASTER RELIEF FUND, CONTINUANCE OF HALTED RECOVERY  
PROJECTS, AND SUFFICIENT PROVISIONS TO PREVENT FUTURE  
IMMEDIATE NEEDS FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) had become depleted, forcing the agency to transition to Immediate Needs Funding (INF) and halting more than \$6.1 billion in recovery activities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the DRF is a critical source of funding for disaster response and recovery efforts, and recent funding gaps have placed undue strain on state and local governments, hindering long-term recovery projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, over 840 counties experienced at least one major disaster, with 28 separate billion-dollar disasters totaling over \$92 billion in damages; and

**WHEREAS**, when FEMA operates under INF, long-term recovery efforts are delayed as disaster funding is severely restricted across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, this unpredictability places an undue burden on disaster survivors and local governments, and complicates already onerous programs with many counties relying on loans to cover recovery costs; and

**WHEREAS**, rising interest rates can further increase financial strain, potentially affecting county credit ratings, particularly in smaller or rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress can prevent disruptions in recovery and ensure communities receive timely support after disasters by fully funding the DRF, helping Counties avoid significant challenges in addressing both immediate and long-term recovery needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress is urged to address the current shortfall by replenishing the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) through the Continuing Resolution (CR) under negotiation; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress is requested to include an additional \$10 billion in disaster relief to support ongoing recovery efforts and prevent future funding gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, Brunswick County requests that Congress backfill the \$6.1 billion in projects halted due to the transition to Immediate Needs Funding (INF) and ensure these funds are available; and

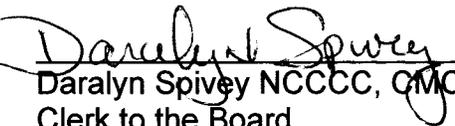
**WHEREAS**, Brunswick County asks Congress to include provisions to avoid the need for INF next year, ensuring more stable and predictable funding for disaster recovery; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners unequivocally expresses its support and endorsement for Congress to fully fund the Disaster Relief Fund, and backfill all projects halted due to the transition to Immediate Needs Funding, including provisions to avoid the need for Immediate Needs Funding in the coming years.

Adopted this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024.

  
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Randy Thompson, Chairman  
Brunswick County Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk to the Board

