The Code of Federal Regulations requires that each state’s hazard mitigation plan update be formally adopted by the state itself before it is submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for final review and approval. This plan reproduces on the following page the statement of the plan’s adoption by Kevin Davis, Director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Governor’s Authorized Representative for this action.
STATEMENT OF PLAN ADOPTION

As Director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (GOHSEP), and the Governor’s Authorized Representative, I the undersigned, am pleased to announce, and do hereby formally adopt the 2014 Louisiana State Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the State of Louisiana.

In order for Louisiana to continue to be eligible for federal disaster assistance funding, GOHSEP is required to update the Plan at least once every three years. The Plan was initially approved by FEMA on April 28, 2005. In following updates, Louisiana received additional FEMA approval for the Plan on April 18, 2008 and April 6, 2011.

The 2014 Plan update continues to build upon Louisiana’s commitment to reduce or eliminate the impacts of disasters caused by natural and human-caused hazards, and further identifies and documents progress made in hazard mitigation efforts, new or revised state and federal statutes and regulations, and emerging hazard conditions and risks that affect the State of Louisiana. The updated Plan is coordinated and maintained by GOHSEP, but the Plan is truly a collaborative partnership with numerous stakeholders from local, state and federal government agencies, private sector organizations, and residents of Louisiana.

In adopting the 2014 Plan, the State of Louisiana agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, as stipulated in previously documented assurances, and will update the plan at least once every three years. Through routine monitoring and updating, the Plan will remain the guide for Louisiana to follow in the state’s commitment to significantly reduce or eliminate the impact of natural and human-caused disasters through a comprehensive hazard mitigation program that keeps Louisiana, and its visitors, safe from the hazards it faces.

Sincerely,

Kevin Davis
Director, Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
Governor’s Authorized Representative