RESOLUTION NO. 15-03 FOR PARTICIPATION IN ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLANNING UPDATE PROCESS

WHEREAS, a joint All-Hazards Mitigation Plan identifies the vulnerability of public bodies to natural or manmade hazards and the projects that can be implemented to reduce or eliminate vulnerability and exposure, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that a public entity must have a current All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in place before they are eligible for Federal funding for hazard mitigation projects and mitigation efforts resulting from natural disasters, and

WHEREAS, the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District and the Little Blue Natural Resources District will serve as the coordinating agencies for the updating of the multijurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan for their respective districts and the nine-county area including all of Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Nuckolls, Saline, Thayer& Webster counties and all associated local governmental entities for which hazard mitigation planning is desirable, and

WHEREAS, the City of Friend desires to participate in the multi-jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan update process for the benefit of the public we serve,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the City of Friend hereby states its willingness to participate in the proposed All-Hazards Mitigation Plan update process described above and will attend necessary meetings and participate in those activities necessary to complete an effective plan for all entities in the nine-county area.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this resolution was approved and executed on this 7th day of April, 2015.

By January Junk

1/ 1/4-15 Date

ATTEST:

4-7-2015

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RE: Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Project Announcement

You are receiving this letter because your community/organization participated in the nine-county 2010 Lower Big Blue and Little Blue Natural Resources District All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Funding has been recently secured by the NRDs and the nine counties via a FEMA grant to update this plan.

The all-hazards mitigation plan is a publicly-guided document that identifies vulnerability to disasters such as flood, drought, earthquake, wildfire, winter storm, tornado, high wind storm, dam failure, etc. The plan establishes goals, outlines specific mitigation options, and prioritizes projects which may reduce or eliminate loss of life and potential damages to property when future disasters occur.

Once a city, village, county, or district is part of an approved hazard mitigation plan they become eligible for up to a 75 percent cost-share for a wide variety of projects listed in the plan.

The 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan included cities, school districts and villages in Saline, Jefferson, Gage, Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Nuckolls, Thayer, and Webster counties. All communities, public school districts, and other taxing authorities within these counties are eligible to participate in this plan update.

In order for an entity to be included in the updated 2016 plan, active participation in this planning process is required.

Your local Emergency Manager will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks and months to discuss participation in this plan update. Please notify other departments or offices in your jurisdiction that may be involved in this process.

In addition to working with your County Emergency Manager, JEO Consulting Group Inc. has been hired to assist with the plan development over the next 12 months, and will also be working closely with participating jurisdictions to develop this plan. If you have any questions about this project, you can contact Race Hodges at rhodges a peocom or (504) 295-9845, or contact your local Emergency Management director.

For more information, please visit the project website at: www.jeo.com/blues-hmp

Sincerely,

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