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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Jackson County is threatened by a number of different types of natural, technological and societal or man-made hazards. These hazards endanger the health and safety of the population of the county, jeopardize its economic vitality and imperil the quality of its environment. Because of the importance of avoiding or minimizing the vulnerabilities to these hazards, the public and private sector interests of Jackson County have joined together to create the Task Force to undertake a comprehensive planning process that has culminated in the publication of this document: “Jackson County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS).”

This task force, entitled the Jackson County LMS Task Force, has conducted detailed studies to identify the hazards threatening the jurisdictions of Alford, Bascom, Campbellton, Cottdale, Graceville, Grand Ridge, Greenwood, Jacob, Malone, Marianna, Sneads and unincorporated Jackson County and to estimate the relative risks posed to the communities by those hazards.

The Task Force has also conducted detailed studies to identify the hazards threatening the county and its municipalities and to estimate the relative risks posed to the community by those hazards. This information has been used by the Task Force to prioritize its planning efforts to assess the vulnerabilities of the facilities and jurisdictions of the county to the impacts of future disasters involving those hazards. With these vulnerabilities identified, the Task Force has worked to identify, justify and prioritize specific proposals for projects and programs that will avoid or minimize these vulnerabilities.

This document details the work of the Task Force over the past several months to develop the planning organization, to undertake the needed technical analyses, and to coordinate the mitigation initiatives that have been proposed by the participating municipalities and organizations.

This strategy will continue to be updated and expanded in the future to ensure it addresses changing conditions in the participating jurisdictions, experiences with disasters that do occur, and any changes in the characteristics of the hazards that threaten the involved communities. This updating process and future editions of the LMS will be used to continue to inform and involve the general public and other interested groups to fully participate in making the community more resistant to the impacts of future disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) require that this document be adopted by the governing bodies of Alford, Bascom, Campbellton, Cottdale, Graceville, Grand Ridge, Greenwood, Jacob, Malone, Marianna, Sneads and Jackson County. Adoption of the LMS by the Town, City and County Commissions will not have any legal effect on the county's Comprehensive Plan or any other legally binding documents. However, adoption of the



LMS will give the county and its jurisdictions priority with respect to funding for disaster recovery and hazard mitigation from state and federal sources. Through publication of this LMS, the Task Force continues to solicit the involvement of the entire community to make the people, neighborhoods, businesses, and institutions of the county safer from the impacts of future disasters.



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