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GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: February 15, 2024

SPONSOR: A. Leanza

ITEM TYPE: Agreement / Contract / MOU / Lease

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA - Finance Committee

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Approve the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to provide the framework to support mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster. (A. Leanza) (FC 3-0)

BACKGROUND: The Glynn County Emergency Management and Homeland Security is requesting that the Glynn County Board of Commissioners Adopt the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to provide the framework to support mutual assistance in managing an emergency or disaster.

Georgia, being susceptible to various natural and man-made disasters, is confronted with the imperative need for a robust emergency response framework. The Georgia Emergency Management Act, amended and known as "The Act," empowers local governments within the state to establish agreements for mutual aid assistance during emergencies. These agreements, formed in advance, play a pivotal role in expediting the provision of mutual aid assistance and ensuring the reimbursement of costs incurred by entities offering such assistance.

The initiation of this mutual aid agreement aligns with the authorities outlined in Articles I through III of Chapter 3, Title 38,

Official Code of Georgia Annotated. This underscores a proactive approach to fostering collaborative efforts and preparedness in addressing the diverse challenges posed by emergencies and disasters.

The fundamental principle guiding this Agreement is the efficient use of resources from Participating Parties, whether local, state, federal, or any other source. The focus is on promptly and effectively employing these resources to ensure the safety and well-being of the people.

Funding Source: This agreement requires no funding source.

Legal Review: This plan has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel as to form.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Glynn_County_Statewide_Mutual_Aid_Agreement_2024.pdf](#)