

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 396

*Commending the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management won the 2018 National Association of Counties Achievement Award in recognition of its innovative methodology for assessing Loudoun County's capabilities across all types of hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management took an original approach to creating a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment process; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management built plausible scenarios, conducted stakeholder interviews, and identified desired resources to enhance the county's ability to effectively respond to and recover from a significant event; and

WHEREAS, to help its partner agencies in the planning process, the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management provided an enhanced level of support by developing a customized planning toolkit and a process for tracking progress on each assignment; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management gained invaluable input from stakeholders in public safety, infrastructure, and human services agencies at the local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, in response to the number of localities asking for information about Loudoun County's successful effort, the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management authored a *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Guide for Localities*, which describes Loudoun's methodology, illustrates best practices, and catalogs lessons learned; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management has fulfilled its mission through the leadership of Kelly Myers, assistant coordinator of emergency management, Jeff Fletcher, deputy coordinator of emergency management, and Kevin Johnson, coordinator of emergency management; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management hereby be commended for winning the 2018 National Association of Counties Achievement Award in recognition of its innovative methodology to assess Loudoun County's capabilities across all types of hazards; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its achievement and innovative threat and risk assessment efforts.

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