RESOLUTION NO. 2020-010

A RESOLUTION declaring intent to participate in natural hazard mitigation to work toward becoming a safer community.

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazard whether it be tornado/severe thunderstorm, flood, severe winter weather, drought, heatwave, earthquake, dam failure, or wildfire, and recognizes the importance of enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin may have previously pursued measures such as building codes, fire codes, floodplain management regulations, zoning ordinance, and stormwater management regulations to minimize the impact of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Management Agency have developed a natural hazard mitigation program that assists communities in their efforts to become Disaster-Resistant Communities which are sustainable communities after a natural disaster that focus, not just on disaster relief, but also on recovery and reconstruction that brings the community to at least pre- disaster conditions in an accelerated, orderly, and preplanned manner; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Natural Hazards Mitigation program, the City of Joplin will be eligible to apply for post-disaster mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin desires to commit to working with government partners and community partners to implement the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin will implement pertinent precepts of the mitigation plan by incorporation into other community plans and mechanisms where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin will participate in the evaluation and review of the Plan after a disaster as well as complete mandated five-year update submitted to the State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Joplin hereby adopts the 2021 Jasper-Newton Bi-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A for the purpose of building a safer community by reducing natural hazard vulnerability.

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara J. Gollhofer, City Clerk