

Association of State Dam Safety Officials
Board of Directors and State Representatives

Resolution Number 1-2014

WHEREAS, the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) advocates for and leads efforts to improve the safety of dams to reduce risk to lives and property from dam failure, and

WHEREAS, there are dams in every state that are deficient, with many considered deficient due to the fact that, while well maintained, they have not been upgraded to today's safety standards, and

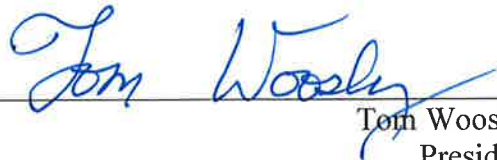
WHEREAS, a well-maintained and properly designed dam greatly reduces flooding risk from dam failure to downstream lives and property, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. dam inventory increasingly is challenged by a lack of funding sources for rehabilitation needs, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recently revised the Hazard Mitigation Grant and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Programs guidelines so that unsafe dams could be included in the eligible list of risk reducing structural improvements that municipalities can include in applications for funding, and

WHEREAS, ASDSO acknowledges the unique and important role that FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs serve within the world of public safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors and the State Representatives of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, meeting on September 21, 2014, that the Association of State Dam Safety Officials acknowledges and fully supports the significant decision by FEMA to clarify its Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs guidance to include costs for dam repair to improve public safety/flood risk reduction in the U.S.



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