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## **Support For A National Levee Safety Program**

### **Resolution 2011-02**

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WHEREAS many members of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies are owners and operators of flood control structures, including levees, and are charged with responsibility for the protection of lives, property and the environment from flood risk;

WHEREAS, Congress through the authorization of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 established the National Levee Safety Committee charged with the task of developing recommendations for a National Levee Safety Program;

WHEREAS, the National Committee on Levee Safety delivered a set of draft recommendations to Congress on January 15, 2009;

WHEREAS the nation is currently lacking a complete understanding of the location, ownership and condition of levees throughout the country;

WHEREAS there is clearly a need for federal funding for the rehabilitation and repair of levees throughout the country, many of which were constructed in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

WHEREAS the responsibility of levee owners and operators, in addition to maintaining flood control structures, includes flood risk management activities such as emergency preparedness and planning, as well as education and outreach components;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies urges Congress to move forward with a National Levee Safety Program that is voluntary and incentive based and includes qualified states, local and regional flood control districts. A levee rehabilitation and repair fund and incentives for sound flood risk management at all levels of government are critical elements of a National Levee Safety Program.

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James Fiedler, President

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