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Deputy Commissioner Anne Bink State Hazard Mitigation Officer Alternate Governor's Authorized Representative New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 1220 Washington Avenue, Building 7A - Floor 4 Albany, NY 12242

RE: Approval of the Albany County, New York Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (Initial)

Dear Ms. Bink:

I am pleased to inform you that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II has approved the Albany County, NY Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. Having received one or more adoption resolutions on October 03, 2018, FEMA has approved this plan for a period of five years. This plan expires on October 02, 2023.

Our office conducted a review of the referenced plan in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201, Mitigation Planning and FEMA's Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Guide, the official guidance to develop and review updated and final mitigation plans. The Region's review is documented in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Tool dated August 29, 2018.

The jurisdictions for which the State has forwarded adoption resolutions to our office are identified in the enclosure along with the other jurisdictions that participated in this plan. Those jurisdictions with adopted plans are now eligible as sub-grantees for project grants under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and Flood Mitigation Assistance programs.

We commend Albany County and the participating jurisdictions for taking this important step toward disaster resilience. Note jurisdictions that have approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Additional information regarding the CRS can be found by contacting the local floodplain manager or at http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system.

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Please inform Albany County of this approval. If you have any questions, contact Laura Forrest, Hazard Mitigation Community Planner, at (718) 839-3314.

Sincerely,

Michael Moriarty

Director, Mitigation Division

Enclosure

cc: Randy Andre

Deputy Chief of Mitigation Programs

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