

A RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the Executive Director to establish a task force to recommend a set of comprehensive flood mitigation measures for the Delaware Basin.

WHEREAS, the Delaware Basin was devastated by severe floods in September 2004, April 2005 and June 2006, following a period of nearly 50 years without any widespread main stem flooding; and

WHEREAS, these terrible events have highlighted the need for a comprehensive basin-wide approach to alleviating and mitigating flood impacts along the Delaware River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of the four Basin States – Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania – believe that through coordinated effort on a regional basis, the states can do more to reduce flood loss within the Basin than they can through separate state actions; and

WHEREAS, the expertise of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and other federal agencies involved in water resources management within the Basin is also critical to the success of a regional flood mitigation planning effort; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission is the obvious vehicle for coordinating the development of flood warning, flood loss reduction and flood mitigation plans that cannot be accomplished by any single federal agency or state or local government but that require a holistic watershed approach; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to convene an interstate and federal task force to recommend a set of comprehensive measures to alleviate and mitigate flood impacts along the Delaware River and its tributaries.
2. The Executive Director is further authorized and directed to provide coordination and technical support to the task force and is assured of the full cooperation of state emergency management and environmental agencies in this process.
3. In addition to considering flood mitigation operating plans for reservoirs throughout the Basin, the task force should consider stormwater management, open space and farmland preservation, floodplain regulations, flood warning systems and other potential flood mitigation measures.
4. The Commission seeks a preliminary action plan with recommendations by the end of 2006 to enable initial measures to be implemented as early as possible in 2007.
5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

/s/ Gwen E. Baker

Lt. Col. Gwen E. Baker, Chair *pro tem*

/s/ Pamela M. Bush

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