

THE ROAD TO RESILIENCY STARTS NOW

RESILIENCY WEEK 2019

DID YOU KNOW...

- Since 1980, natural disasters have cost this nation more than \$1 trillion.
- Disasters affect local and state economies through lost payrolls, lost sales and income tax, and increased disaster recovery times.
- Twenty-five percent of small businesses hit by a disaster never recover and go out of business.

THE SOLUTION?

Disasters will happen, even if we don't know where or when. By planning ahead and encouraging stronger construction standards and increased mitigation, the new law will literally save lives. And for the first time ever, there are real incentives in place for states across the nation.

- The federal Disaster Recovery Reform Act, signed into law in 2018 by President Trump, represents a major step toward a smarter, forward-looking disaster policy that will better protect Americans and reduce the need for disaster aid.
- The DRRRA will massively increase funding for state and local mitigation projects to reduce future storm losses and creates an incentive for states to build stronger by rewarding states that prepare for disasters and build more resiliently with additional federal disaster recovery funds.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BUILD RESILIENTLY?

- Resilient building can happen in way ways – and it doesn't have to cost a lot. Looking at the way a door swings, the size of a nail, the use of straps to more securely attach a roof to the frame of a house – all are small measures that can add up to make a big difference between a house that survives a major storm and one that is a total loss.
- Research has shown that mitigation pays – Studies show that for every dollar spent on mitigation, from \$6 to \$11 can be saved in disaster losses.
- Resilience means being smart, not just about how we build homes, but where we build. It means being realistic about the risks incurred by rebuilding in areas that are prone to increasingly strong natural disasters.

