

Resolution No. 4

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City: Miami, FL

NAHB Resolution

Title: Resiliency
Sponsors: Resiliency Working Group
 Construction, Codes & Standards Committee
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WHEREAS, continued predictions of the growing frequency of natural disasters and severe weather-related events are leading many federal, state, and local entities to examine the ability of our communities, buildings, and infrastructure to withst(nd i)-2M (ur)3 3 (u)qn]TJ -0

approach of response and recovery from disasters is potentially impractical and inefficient and a new approach is necessary;

WHEREAS, at the same time, there continues to be substantial population growth in hurricane-prone coastal regions and areas at high risk of significant earthquakes;

WHEREAS, the federal government has recently made the investigation of natural disaster events a priority to determine the impact that these events have on the built environment and plans to develop a comprehensive, community-based resiliency framework and guidelines for consistently safe buildings and infrastructure;

ordinances, and via federal programs as a way to increase community resilience, eliminate property damage from wind, water, seismic and other hazards, reduce the payout of claims and disaster assistance, and further reduce the costs of reconstruction following a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, many of these design and construction measures are inflexible,

credits, grants, insurance discounts, interest rate reductions, increased valuations, and other incentives to offset the impact of any resiliency initiatives on home construction or purchase price, minimize increases in mortgage and insurance payments and preserve the ability of a homeowner to qualify for a mortgage to purchase a home incorporating resilient construction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB urge the federal government to provide the necessary resources to builders, developers and building code officials to enhance their knowledge of the national model codes and acceptable and realistic mitigation strategies, thereby improving compliance with the construction codes and land development requirements that will lead to enhanced resiliency in our communities.

Please note: If approved, this resolution will be adopted by the NAHB Board of Directors.