

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE BUSINESS AID FOLLOWING HURRICANES  
HARVEY, IRMA AND MARIA**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Harvey's torrential rain, devastating winds and widespread flooding cost at least 70 lives, drove over a million people to evacuate their homes in Texas and Louisiana, and caused extensive destruction that will likely make it one of the costliest storms in U.S. history; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Irma hit the continental United States immediately following Harvey as the strongest Atlantic basin hurricane ever recorded outside the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, triggering evacuation orders for 5.6 million people in Southwest Florida before it made two landfalls; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Maria then whipped Puerto Rico with Irma-level winds, drenching the island with Harvey-level flooding, crippling communications, decimating buildings and damaging a dam that put downstream residents at risk of catastrophe; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria caused widespread economic disruptions, displacing tens of thousands of workers from their places of employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the unprecedented double whammy from major hurricanes that slammed the U.S. mainland wiped out job growth in September in affected areas, with non-farm payrolls falling by 33,000 in September 2017 and the leisure-and-hospitality sector losing 111,000 jobs due, in part, to hurricane damage and flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. companies pledged more than \$157 million to hurricane relief efforts according to an estimate from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, with at least sixty-nine companies donating \$1 million or more; and

**WHEREAS**, companies have also gone beyond just writing a check, by volunteering, providing in-kind donations like water and food, and encouraging employees to donate by matching contributions, and

**WHEREAS**, in this time of enormous need, U.S. companies established and supported extensive networks of public-private partnerships to get aid to those who needed it, as quickly as possible while at the same time, setting aside funding and other resources for long-term recovery efforts.

**WHEREAS,** The U.S. Conference of Mayors recognizes that in times of national tragedies like these, it takes strong local leadership, coupled with a national community of concerned and citizens alongside committed national, state and local employers to partner in supporting timely cleanup, construction, and a return to normalcy.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors would like to acknowledge, thank and honor the numerous volunteers, businesses and employers who responded after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria to aid in the recovery through public-private partnerships; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that The U.S. Conference of Mayors would especially like to thank members of The U.S. Conference of Mayors Business Council who donated time, money and resources in the wake of these disasters, including but not limited to:

Amazon, American Airlines, American Federation of Teachers, Airbnb, AARP, AT&T, Bank of America, Charter Communications, Citi, Comcast, Cubic Transportation Systems, Dart Container Corporation, Enterprise Holding, Inc., Ford Motor Company, General Electric, Google, Inc., Herbalife Nutrition, Holland & Knight LLP, Homeaway, Honeywell, Hudson News, International Council of Shopping Centers, JP Morgan Chase & Co., LimeBike, Lyft Inc., Major League Baseball, McDonald's Corporation, Muller Water Products, Inc., National Basketball Association, National Football League, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, PepsiCo, Pfizer, Inc., Reynolds American, Inc., Starbucks Coffee Company, Strada Education Network, Target Corporation, Coca-cola company, Toyota, U.S. Travel Association, Uber Technologies, Inc., UnitedHealthcare, Verizon, Walmart, Walgreens Co., Waste Management, Inc., Wells Fargo and WeWork.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that** the nation's mayors thank any and all companies who stepped up following this disaster to support those living in the affected areas.