

## PROTECT FLORIDA COMMUNITIES WHEN REAUTHORIZING NFIP

With Florida property owners making up 35% of the National Flood Insurance Program a

sound economical program is critical

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Florida has more NFIP policies than any other state in the nation (35% of all policies)
- As a result of Hurricane Irma, FEMA reports that more than 27,000 NFIP claims have been filed by Florida policy holders.
- The NFIP is set to expire on January 19, 2018.
- Given the number of policies in Florida and the amount premiums paid by its residents, Florida's Congressional delegation must ensure that any reauthorization



1/3 (1.8 million) of all NFIP policies in the nation.

does not negatively impact our communities.

• The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has developed issue papers to help keep Florida's Congressional delegation informed on how this issue impacts Floridians. To learn more, please visit the FAC website.

## BACKGROUND

Floods are the most common and most destructive natural disaster in the United States. Ninety percent of all natural disasters involve flooding, and all 50 states have experienced floods or flash floods in the past five years according to Floodsmart.gov.

The National Flood Insurance Program



Florida NFIP Contributions & Payouts (1978-2017)

(NFIP) is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses.

Major changes to the program in 2012 (under the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act) created a nationwide crisis as insurance premiums began to escalate. Subsequent changes were enacted in 2014 that lessened the crisis but left many problematic changes place.



## FLORIDA COUNTIES TO VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Florida Association of Counties will be convening a federal policy conference and Fly-In in Washington D.C. on **April 17th and 18th, 2018**. Florida County elected officials and key staff members look forward to the opportunity to meet with members and staff of the Florida Delegation regarding their critical needs as well as the association's federal priorities. During the next two months please anticipate requests for meetings on key issues to coincide with the Federal Fly-In.

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