

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4305

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PROVIDED BY: PARISH PRESIDENT

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA FEDERAL DELEGATION TO REQUEST PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON EXECUTIVE ORDER 13690 AND PASS LEGISLATION DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL NACO AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE CONSULTED ON THE IMPACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER.

WHEREAS, The President issued executive order 13690 creating a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard that directs all agencies to use one of three resiliency criteria in their policies, projects, and programs receiving federal funding; and,

WHEREAS, On January 30th 2015 President Obama signed an Executive Order "Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a process for further soliciting and considering stakeholder Input". Among other things, this EO made amendments to a May, 1977 EO 13690 on Federal Policy on Floodplain Management; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Order expands the flood plain to either: the best available climate change science, two to three feet above the 100 year flood plain, or the 500 year flood plain; and,

WHEREAS, the 500 year flood plain in most of South Louisiana is the top of the Mississippi River levee which would place most areas in the newly expanded flood plain and restrict federal investment; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13690 could prohibit federal agencies from making any federal investment in the expanded floodplain through any policy, project, or program. Possible federal programs/projects impacted could include: SBA, HUD, DOTD, TIGER grants, the National Flood Insurance Program, Federally backed home and business loans, Army Corps of Engineers, USDA, and Disaster Response; and,

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) passed a national resolution urging the President to extend the public comment period and requested Congress and the President to direct all federal agencies to engage with NACo and state and local government agencies prior to implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish asks the Louisiana federal delegation to request President Barack Obama to extend the public comment period on Executive Order 13690 and pass legislation delaying implementation until NACo and state and local governments are consulted on the impacts of the executive order.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that we, the members of the St. Tammany Parish Council, do hereby request the members of the Louisiana Federal delegation to request President Barack Obama to extend the public comment period on Executive Order 13690 and pass legislation delaying implementation until NACo and state and local governments are consulted on the impacts of the executive order.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 2 DAY OF APRIL , 2015, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

RICHARD E. TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK