

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3365

COUNCIL SPONSOR: STEVE STEFANCIK

PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT/CAO

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE URGENT NEED FOR THE PURPOSES OF OBTAINING FUNDING FOR A PARISH INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER THROUGH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish sustained damage from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike due to hurricane force winds and storm surge; and

WHEREAS, the Parish emergency communications system failed during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, in addition to other weather events, thus, putting the health, safety and welfare of the Parish’s residents in imminent peril; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has determined that the establishment of an interoperable communication system to address these failures is an Urgent Need and priority; and WHEREAS, in response to the damages sustained by St. Tammany Parish and other parishes in Louisiana, Federal funds have been appropriated to address the damages and aid parishes with recovery; and

WHEREAS, this body has authorized the Parish President to take all actions necessary in furtherance of assessing damages from these storms and preparing the necessary submission to the Office of Community Development (formerly "Louisiana Recovery Authority") to access this funding.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that it is an Urgent Need to address the failure of emergency communication systems across the Parish and in order to do so an interoperable communications system is necessary. Further, President Patricia Brister should take all necessary measures to utilize funding available through the Office of Community Development to address damage to the emergency communications system from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

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 5 DAY OF APRIL, 2012, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK