

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4813

COUNCIL SPONSOR: STEFANCIK/BRISTER PROVIDED BY: OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-PARISH EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARISHES OF JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, ST. TAMMANY, CALCASIEU, CAMERON, VERMILION, ST. MARTIN, IBERIA, ST. MARY, ASCENSION, ST. JAMES, LAFOURCHE, TERREBONNE, ASSUMPTION, LIVINGSTON, AND TANGIPAHOA.

WHEREAS; coastal Louisiana is geographically vulnerable to a variety of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS; the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, LSA-R.S. 29:721, et Seq., (the "Act"), recognizes this vulnerability and provides that its intended purposes are to:

- (1) Reduce vulnerability of people and property of the region to damage, injury, and loss of life and property;
- (2) Prepare for prompt and efficient rescue, care and treatment to threatened or affected persons;
- (3) Provide for the rapid and orderly rehabilitation of persons and restoration of property; and
- (4) Provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to emergency and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS; in addition to the State, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recognized the importance of the concept of coordination between local governments; and

WHEREAS; the Act authorizes and encourages parishes to enter into regional agreements for mutual aid and unified operation during times of disasters; and

WHEREAS; the parishes which have chosen to become signatories to this agreement wish to provide emergency mutual aid and assistance amongst one another at the appropriate times; and

WHEREAS; these parishes agree to enter into emergency mutual aid and assistance agreement embodying the understandings, commitments, terms and conditions for said aid and assistance.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that St. Tammany Parish Government, through the Office of the Parish President, pursuant to Home Rule Charter sections 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 and 3-09 to enter into agreements, which meets or exceeds all requirements of Louisiana law and jurisprudence, with the one or more Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Calcasieu, Cameron, Vermilion, St. Martin, Iberia, St. Mary, Ascension, St. James, Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, Livingston, and Tangipahoa for emergency mutual aid and assistance.

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 1 DAY OF JUNE, 2017, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

June 1, 2017

Office of the Parish President

Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 29:130 of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, St. Tammany Parish seeks to enter into mutual aid and assistance agreements for regional support and/or assistance at appropriate times during emergencies.