

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3567

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. ARTIGUE

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BARRIER PROJECT INCLUDED IN THE LOUISIANA COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY'S 2012 MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, The Parish of St. Tammany and other coastal communities along the shores of Lake Pontchartrain experienced substantial flooding from Hurricane Isaac that included a storm surge pushing over nine feet of water into Lake Pontchartrain and doing significant damage to homes, businesses, and other structures throughout the parish and region; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish lake and riverfront communities that have not experienced substantial flooding with storms of relative size and strength in the past, received flood waters well in excess of those anticipated from Category 1 Isaac; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany communities and all areas in Southeast Louisiana outside of the existing federal flood prevention program are vital resources for the continued economic success and development of the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, the State of Louisiana, and the Gulf Coast Region; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier Project includes the construction of a 24' high floodwall along the New Orleans Land Bridge with floodgates on the Rigolets and Chef Menteur Passes, and an estimated design cost of \$ 76 Million, construction cost of \$ 815 Million, and an annual maintenance cost of \$ 3 Million; and

WHEREAS, many experts agree that the \$ 100 Billion in damages caused by Hurricane Katrina would have been largely avoided had the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier Project existed in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Project has the support of local officials, including St. Tammany Parish President Pat Brister, the cities of Mandeville and Slidell, the St. Tammany state legislative delegation, and U.S. Senators Mary Landrieu and Davis Vitter; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Tammany desires to be a participant in the discussion and development of any enhanced flood prevention program that will protect the Parish and surrounding areas.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES, through its Parish Council as governing authority, and for the foregoing reasons, to support the Lake Pontchartrian Barrier Project included in the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's 2012 Master Plan.

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

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: MR. ARTIGUE SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 1 DAY OF NOVEMBER , 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