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INTRODUCED BY: ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL
V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR., PARISH PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5753

A resolution strongly supporting Jefferson Parish in implementing their "Advanced Measures Plan" for the five primary passes that connect the Barataria Basin with the Gulf of Mexico.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, at approximately 9:45 CDT the Deepwater Horizon Platform exploded changing the way of life on the entire Gulf Coast; and,

WHEREAS, all methods to stop the flow of oil with the containment cap and to clean up the affected area with containment booms, chemical dispersants, skimmers, and vacuum pumps are being used; and,

WHEREAS, pumping of sand along the barrier islands to create a "sand barrier berm" between the existing coastline and the GOM, has presently been undertaken by the State of Louisiana in the East Grand Terre Island Vicinity; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of Jefferson Parish Official's that in addition to the "sand barrier berms" between Pass Ronquille and Elmers Island, the weakness in the system to resist an oil spill of this nature and to protect the sensitive interior marshes of the Basin is the lack of control mechanism to adequately stop the surface oil from entering the Basin through the five major passes that connect the Basin to the Gulf of Mexico, namely Caminada Pass, Barataria Pass, Pass Abel, Four Bayou Pass, and Pass Ronquille; and,

WHEREAS, it is believed that BP could improve the ability to control more of the oil that is entering the Basin through these passes with system of barges, spud barges, deck barges and rocks across a large portion of each pass and to supply connecting booms across the balance of the passes in an attempt to stop and remove most of the surface oil at the entrance to the basin which is also the entrance from the Gulf of Mexico to the waterways of St. Charles Parish including Lake Salvador and Lake Cataouchie.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby strongly support the "Advanced Measures Plan" for the first primary passes that connect the Barataria Basin with the Gulf of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Bobby Jindal, United States Senator Mary Landrieu, United States Senator David Vitter, United States Representative Charlie Melancon, United States Representative Joseph Cao, United States Representative Steve Scalise, Colonel Alvin Lee, Corps of Engineers, Admiral Thad Allen, U. S. Coast Guard, Jefferson Parish Council, Jefferson Parish President Steve Theriot, Lafourche Parish Council, Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph, Terrebonne Parish Council, Terrebonne Parish President Michael Claudet, Plaquemines Parish Council, Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser, St. Bernard Parish Council, St. Bernard Parish President Craig Taffaro, Jr., Grand Isle Mayor David Camardelle, Lafitte Mayor Tim Kerner, Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - West, Lafourche Levee Board, Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Mr. Garrett Graves, Office of Coastal Restoration, and Mayor of New Orleans Mitch Landrieu.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: SCHEXNAYDRE, AUTHEMENT, RAYMOND, TASTET, BENEDETTO, HOGAN, COCHRAN, LAMBERT, NUSS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of June, 2010, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Support implementing Advanced Measures Plan-oil spill

CHAIRMAN: Billy Raymond, Sr.

SECRETARY: Barbara Jacob Tucker

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: June 8, 2010

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: June 8, 2010

AT 3:45 P.M RECD BY: BGT