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**INTRODUCED BY: ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL
MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 6582

A resolution supporting the efforts and authorizing the execution of correspondences on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance (CSFI) and St. Charles Parish requesting for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reauthorization, emphasizing priority of lower rate caps and requesting the delay of implementation of Risk Rating 2.0.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida was a devastating storm that caused extraordinary winds, storm surge, and rainfall across a wide region of Louisiana which were incredibly impacted; and,

WHEREAS, the immediate effects of Hurricane Ida, and the continuation of an active hurricane season emphasizes the critical need to protect millions of vulnerable Americans by reauthorizing the NFIP; and,

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2021, the NFIP Extension Act of 2021, authored by Senators Bill Cassidy, (R-LA), John Kennedy (R-LA), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), and Bob Menendez (D-NJ), was introduced, extending the program for one year; and,

WHEREAS, Congressional action is required by September 30, 2021 in order to prevent a lapse in NFIP authorization, failure to act appropriately would have widespread consequences, including FEMA stopping the sale and renewal of policies for millions of properties in communities across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, short-term reauthorization is currently necessary, as well as encouraging congressional leaders to support a delay in Risk Rating (RR) 2.0 which is scheduled to launch on October 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Risk Rating (RR) 2.0 seems to require further input from local government, transparency and in many ways seems to resemble Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.

WHEREAS, the Parish President and Parish Council express the urgent need for the reauthorization of the NFIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby support the efforts and authorizing the execution of correspondences on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance (CSFI) and St. Charles Parish requesting for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reauthorization, emphasizing priority of lower rate caps and requesting the delay of implementation of Risk Rating 2.0.

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

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, FISHER, FISHER-PERRIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BELLOCK

And the resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of September, 2021, to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ACTING CHAIRMAN:

SECRETARY:

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT:

APPROVED:

DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT:

RETD/SECRETARY:

AT: 7:39pm RECD BY: