

On motion of **Ms. Lee-Sheng**, seconded by **Mr. Roberts**, the following resolution was offered:

**RESOLUTION NO. 129338**

A resolution authorizing the Parish to enter into the attached Multi-Parish Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans (City of New 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. (Parishwide)

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

**WHEREAS**; La. R.S. 29:726, 29:730.1 and 29:730.2, recognize this vulnerability and provide 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**; Louisiana Revised Statutes, LSA-R.S. 29:730 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, with the attached agreement embodying the understandings, commitments, terms and conditions for said aid and assistance.

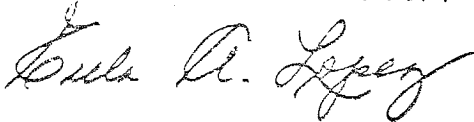
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jefferson Parish Council of Jefferson Parish, State of Louisiana:

**SECTION 1.** That the Council Chairperson, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairperson, is authorized to sign the attached Multi-Parish Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the Parishes of Jefferson, Orleans (City of New 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.

**SECTION 2.** That this agreement shall be effective upon the date of signing by all parties of the Emergency Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

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

**YEAS: 7      NAYS: None      ABSENT: None**  
The resolution was declared to be adopted on this the **24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.**

THIS RECORD IS CERTIFIED  
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY  
  
EULA A. LOPEZ  
PARISH CLERK  
JEFFERSON PARISH COUNCIL