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**INTRODUCED BY: V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR, PARISH PRESIDENT
(COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT SECTION)**

RESOLUTION NO. 6194

A resolution supporting the Land and Water conservation Fund and its benefits for conservation and outdoor recreation.

WHEREAS, for 50 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been the premier law to protect public lands and waters for outdoor recreation in America; and,

WHEREAS, the Fund relies on offshore oil production revenues rather than tax dollars, and is specified in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) as a recipient of Gulf production revenues, along with Louisiana and the other Gulf Coast States; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana has benefited substantially from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which has helped create, expand, and enhance our two National Parks and twelve of the National Wildlife Refuges located in the state, as well as over 700 state and local projects since 1965; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish has utilized the Land and Water Conservation Fund to create and improve local parks and recreation facilities, including Beach Park (1969), Ama Park (1986), Killona Park (2011), and Rathborne Park (2014); and,

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund plays a critical role in providing both access and areas for outdoor recreation – hunting, fishing, birdwatching, hiking, paddling, and local sports – that contributes over \$4 billion annually to the state's economy, including \$3.2 billion in retail sales and services, \$225 million in state sales tax, and supports 48,000 jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund is currently up for reauthorization in Congress, and if reauthorized can continue to help meet the future conservation and recreation needs of St. Charles Parish and Louisiana, as well as the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, do hereby express support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and its benefits for conservation and outdoor recreation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Federal Delegation.

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

YEAS: SCHEXNAYDRE, LEWIS, WILSON, TASTET, HOGAN, COCHRAN, FLETCHER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: BENEDETTO, FISHER-PERRIER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of October, 2015, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: _____

SECRETARY: _____

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 10/21/15

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: [Signature]

AT: 10:55a RECD BY: [Signature]