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Larry Cochran
St. Charles Parish President
15045 River Road, Parish Courthouse, 3rd Floor
Hahnville, LA 70057

RE: Louisiana Watershed Initiative – Region 7
Executive Order JBE 2018-16

The Honorable Larry Cochran, St. Charles Parish President:

In response to the Great Floods of 2016, and recognizing the emergence of watershed management as a preferred model to integrate physical, biological, ecological, socioeconomic and policy concerns with a thorough understanding of an area's hydrologic processes, Gov. John Bel Edwards in May 2018 charged state agencies with coordinating statewide flood risk management efforts through a watershed approach.

Congress then allocated approximately \$1.2 billion to Louisiana for the purpose of mitigating current and future flood risk. This funding is anticipated to be largely used to support the Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) activities, including flood control projects and flood risk reduction programs by enabling the establishment of Regional Watershed Coalitions.

In order to be eligible for future rounds of LWI funding, existing entities engaged in watershed management must organize and be prepared to work across jurisdictional lines as part of this program. The formation of regional steering committees is a mandatory aspect of this program that must be completed within year one.

The Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC) would like your support to serve as the Regional Coordinator and Fiscal Agent for the **Louisiana Watershed Initiative for Region 7**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding CRPC serving as your Regional Coordinator and Fiscal Agent for Watershed Region 7.

Sincerely,

James C. Setze

Louisiana Watershed Initiative for Region 7 ~ Pledge of Support

We understand and hereby offer our support to the Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC) to serve as out Regional Coordinator and Fiscal Agent for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative in Region 7. We look forward to working with CRPC and our regional partners on this most important project.

Sincerely,

Larry Cochran
St. Charles Parish President

~ ~PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO THE CRPC OFFICE ASAP VIA EMAIL~ ~

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