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**INTRODUCED BY: BARRY MINNICH, COUNCILMAN DISTRICT VII**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 4774**

A resolution in support of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and its efforts to implement its Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and to ensure that any fiscal year 2001 general fund cuts to the BTNEP budget are not disproportionate to those made to other state programs.

- WHEREAS,** the 4.2 million-acre Barataria-Terrebonne Estuary is one of the 28 nationally significant estuaries of the National Estuary Program; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) convened a Management Conference in 1991 consisting of hundreds of citizens, industry, agricultural, fisheries, government, and university representatives sharing the common goal of restoring and preserving this national treasure; and,
- WHEREAS,** beginning in 1991 the BTNEP developed a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) over a 5 year period to address the serious environmental, economic, and loss of cultural heritage issues which impact this region; and,
- WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parish government has been an integral part of the BTNEP Management Conference and have actively participated in, and supported the development of this award winning plan through Resolution Number 4245 passed unanimously on March 18, 1996; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program is in the process of actively implementing the 51 Actions contained in the CCMP; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuaries are disappearing faster than any other land mass in the world, threatening the sustainability of our communities and industrial infrastructure; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program has enormous public and private support and is one of a limited number of forums that offers St. Charles Parish citizens through its duly elected Parish Council the opportunity for input on an equal basis into coastal restoration issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL** do hereby support the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and its efforts to implement its Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL** do hereby urge the Honorable M. J. "Mike" Foster, Governor of the State of Louisiana, Mr. Terry Ryder, Special Counsel and Chief of Staff to the Governor, the Honorable Joel T. Chaisson, II, State Senator, and the Honorable Gary L. Smith, Jr., State Representative to ensure that any fiscal year 2001 general fund cuts to the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program budget are not disproportionate to those made to other state programs.

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

YEAS: RAMCHANDRAN, HILAIRE, FABRE, AUTHEMENT, MARINO, MINNICH  
 NAYS: NONE  
 ABSENT: FAUCHEUX, ABADIE, BLACK

And the resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of March, 2000, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

BTNEP Support Resolution

CHAIRMAN: T. J. Boudreaux  
 SECRETARY: John Boudreaux  
 DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 3-22-00  
 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: Robert W. Hagan  
 RETD/SECRETARY: 3-23-00  
 AT: 9:30AM RECD BY: JB