COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY

STATE OF LOUISIANA
May 17, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. ___

A Resolution in Support of Recommendations Submitted by the Office of Coastal Management - Department of Natural Resources, to the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in the report "Defining Louisiana's Coastal Zone: A Science-based Evaluation of the Louisiana Coastal Zone Inland Boundary" revised October 2010

WHEREAS, an effective coastal zone management program is an integral component necessary for achieving a coast with sustainable coastal communities, sustainable coastal wetland habitat, sustainable commerce and industry, sustainable fisheries, sustainable employment opportunities, sustainable wildlife habitat, sustainable cultural setting, and sustainable hazard mitigation and protection; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60 requested the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("Authority") to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of the inland boundary of the coastal zone to meet the needs of the state and its residents in future years; and

WHEREAS, the Authority requested by Resolution, adopted June 29, 2009, that the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management conduct the evaluation based on their accumulated knowledge and expertise on the subject; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Coastal Management did present the results of their evaluation in a presentation and accompanying report on August 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the report has recognized and taken into account, the social, economic and cultural factors present in coastal Louisiana, including commercial and recreational fishing and hunting, oil and gas production and transportation, maritime transportation and ports, coastal related and water dependent commercial and industrial activities necessary for the economic health of Louisiana, the unique cultural and historic setting of this area; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Coastal Management has considered since that time, appropriate comments and suggestions from the Authority, stakeholders, and local governmental bodies, and has incorporated said suggestions and recommended alternatives into a revised report dated October 2010; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations contained in the report will support and augment the implementation of the Louisiana Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations will also provide a flexible and comprehensive framework for the implementation of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program as approved by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and

WHEREAS, the recommendations contained in the proposed coastal management framework propose a tiered management strategy utilizing existing authorities to the maximum extent possible with a "right sizing" of the coastal zone subject to permitting; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority does hereby accept the report and recommendations contained therein and recommends these recommendations be forwarded to the Louisiana Legislature and that statutory changes required for implementation of the recommendations be considered at the earliest possible time.

This Resolution was declared adopted this 17th Day of May 2011.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority at its meeting of May 17, 2011, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at which a quorum was present.

GARRET GRAVES, CHAIRMAN
COASTAL PROTECTION AND
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This 17th day of May, 2011 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.