

# Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association

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## SIGNED RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

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| 1. THE LITTLE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT, MISSOURI               | 20. INTERNATIONAL PORT OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE   |
| 2. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL ASSOCIATION               | 21. CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, MISSOURI  |
| 3. MISSOURI LEVEE & DRAINAGE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION             | 22. FULTON COUNTY LEVEE BOARD OF KENTUCKY  |
| 4. UPPER MISSISSIPPI, ILLINOIS, & MISSOURI RIVERS ASSOCIATION | 23. HICKMAN-FULTON COUNTY RIVERPORT AUTHORITY, KENTUCKY  |
| 5. ST. FRANCIS LEVEE DISTRICT OF MISSOURI                     | 24. CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE PROCLAMATION  |
| 6. SNY ISLAND LEVEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, ILLINOIS               | 25. CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI PROCLAMATION  |
| 7. BIG ISLAND RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, ILLINOIS            | 26. TWO RIVERS LEVEE & DRAINAGE ASSOCIATION, IOWA  |
| 8. ST. FRANCIS LEVEE DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS                     | 27. CITY OF OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS  |
| 9. MISSISSIPPI LEVEE BOARD                                    | 28. CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI   |
| 10. YAZOO-MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE BOARD                       | 29. ST. JOHNS LEVEE & DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  |
| 11. TENSAS LEVEE DISTRICT, LOUISIANA                          | 30. CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI   |
| 12. SOUTH QUINCY DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT, ILLINOIS        | 31. CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI   |
| 13. NEW MADRID COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, MISSOURI                | 32. PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA  |
| 14. PEMISCOT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, MISSOURI                  | 33. PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DIST., LOUISIANA  |
| 15. LEVEE DISTRICT #2 OF SCOTT COUNTY MISSOURI                | 34. GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION, LOUISIANA   |
| 16. ELK CHUTE DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF MISSOURI                   | 35. MONARCH CHESTERFIELD LEVEE DISTRICT, MISSOURI  |
| 17. SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS LEVEE DISTRICT                         | 36. HOWARD BEND LEVEE DISTRICT, MISSOURI   |
| 18. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY                | 37. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL ASSOCIATION 80 <sup>TH</sup><br>ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA |
| 19. FIFTH LOUISIANA LEVEE DISTRICT                            | 38. BIG RIVER COALITION RESOLUTION, LOUISIANA  |
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THE FOLLOWING 117 SUPPORTING INTERESTS SIGNED ONTO THE BIG RIVER COALITION RESOLUTION:

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| 39. ADMIRAL SECURITY SERVICES, INC.  | 58. CAPES SOUTHPORT AGENCIES                          |
| 40. AEP RIVER OPERATIONS   | 59. CELTIC INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCY, LLC         |
| 41. AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES  | 60. CHANNEL DESIGN GROUP                              |
| 42. AMERICAN WATERWAYS OPERATORS   | 61. CHANNEL SHIPYARD COMPANIES                        |
| 43. ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND   | 62. CHS TERMINAL                                      |
| 44. ARKANSAS OKLAHOMA PORT OPERATORS ASSOCIATION                                   | 63. CONSOLIDATED TERMINALS AND LOGISTICS CO.          |
| 45. ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION  | 64. COOPER CONSOLIDATED STEVEDORING & MARINE SERVICES |
| 46. ASSOCIATED BRANCH PILOTS OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS<br>(BAR PILOTS), LOUISIANA | 65. COOPER T. SMITH MOORING, Co.                      |
| 47. ASSOCIATED FEDERAL PILOTS AND DOCKING MASTERS OF<br>LOUISIANA                  | 66. COOPER T. SMITH STEVEDORING                       |
| 48. ASSOCIATION OF SHIP BROKERS & AGENTS (USA), INC.                               | 67. CRESCENT RIVER PORT PILOTS ASSOCIATION            |
| 49. ASSOCIATED TERMINALS, LLC  | 68. CRESCENT TOWING                                   |
| 50. BELLE CHASSE MARINE TRANSPORTATION   | 69. DREDGING CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA                   |
| 51. BERTEL SHIPPING COMPANY  | 70. DUFFY MARITIME CONSULTANTS, LLC                   |
| 52. BIEHL & Co., INC.  | 71. EMERALD INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION                 |
| 53. BISSO TOWBOAT Co., INC.  | 72. EXXON MOBIL REFINING & SUPPLY COMPANY             |
| 54. BLUE MARINE SECURITY   | 73. FILLETTE GREEN SHIPPING SERVICES (USA) CORP.      |
| 55. BLUE WATER SHIPPING COMPANY  | 74. FIVE RIVERS DISTRIBUTION                          |
| 56. BUNGE LIMITED  | 75. FORESIGHT ENERGY, LLC                             |
| 57. CGB ENTERPRISES, INC.  | 76. GAC SHIPPING (USA) INC.                           |
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| 77. GENERAL MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.   | 97. LOUISIANA RIVER PILOTS ASSOCIATION                 |
| 78. GENERAL STEAMSHIP CORP., LTD.  | 98. LOTT SHIP AGENCY, INC.                             |
| 79. GREATER NEW ORLEANS, INC., LOUISIANA   | 99. MARATHON PETROLEUM COMPANY LP                      |
| 80. GULF HARBOR SHIPPING, LLC  | 100. MARITIME & COMMODITY SERVICES, LLC                |
| 81. GULF INLAND MARINE SERVICES, INC.  | 101. MARITIME ENDEAVORS SHIPPING CO., LTD.             |
| 82. GULF INTRACOASTAL CANAL ASSOCIATION  | 102. MARYAN MINING, LLC                                |
| 83. HICKMAN-FULTON COUNTY RIVERPORT AUTHORITY, INC.  | 103. MID-GULF SHIPPING COMPANY, INC.                   |
| 84. IMPALA WAREHOUSING (US) LLC  | 104. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRADE AND TRANSPORT COUNCIL    |
| 85. IMTECH MARINE USA INC.   | 105. MORAN-GULF SHIPPING AGENCIES, INC.                |
| 86. INCHCAPE SHIPPING SERVICES   | 106. MORAN TOWING CORPORATION                          |
| 87. INGRAM BARGE COMPANY   | 107. NAFTILOS SHIPPING AGENCIES                        |
| 88. INLAND RIVERS PORTS AND TERMINALS, INC.  | 108. NATCHEZ PORT AUTHORITY                            |
| 89. INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA | 109. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MARITIME ORGANIZATIONS    |
| 90. INTERNATIONAL MARINE TERMINALS   | 110. NEW ORLEANS – BATON ROUGE STEAMSHIP PILOTS ASSOC. |
| 91. J.W. ALLEN & Co., INC.   | 111. NEWSHIP (USA), INC.                               |
| 92. JANTRAN, INC.  | 112. NORD-SUD SHIPPING, INC.                           |
| 93. JOHNSTON'S PORT 33, INC.   | 113. NORTON LILLY INTERNATIONAL                        |
| 94. K&C SHIPPING, INC.   | 114. OFFSHORE MARINE GROUP LLC                         |
| 95. LOUISIANA MARITIME ASSOCIATION   | 115. PAGE & JONES, INC.                                |
| 96. LOUISIANA MARITIME INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE                                       | 116. PLAQUEMINES ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  |
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| 117. PORT OF GREATER BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA               | 137. ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT                          |
| 118. PORT OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS                        | 138. STOLT TANKERS & TERMINALS   |
| 119. PORT OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE                           | 139. SOY TRANSPORTATION COALITION  |
| 120. PORT OF MUSKOGEE                                     | 140. SUMMIT MARINE SERVICES, LLC   |
| 121. PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA                       | 141. T. PARKER HOST, INC.  |
| 122. PORT OF PITTSBURGH                                   | 142. TRAFIGURA   |
| 123. PORT OF PLAQUEMINES HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT       | 143. TRANSMARINE NAVIGATION CORPORATION                                    |
| 124. PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA                              | 144. TRICON STEAMSHIP AGENCY, INC.   |
| 125. PORT SHIP SERVICE, INC.                              | 145. TRINITY SHIPPING, INC.  |
| 126. PORT AMERICA LOUISIANA, LLC                          | 146. TURN SERVICES   |
| 127. PORTS ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA                       | 147. VENICE PORT COMPLEX   |
| 128. PROPELLER CLUB OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA | 148. WARREN COUNTY PORT COMMISSION   |
| 129. RADIO HOLLAND USA                                    | 149. WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH                                   |
| 130. RAVEN ENERGY LLC OF LOUISIANA                        | 150. WEBER MARINE, INC.  |
| 131. RESOLVE MARINE GROUP                                 | 151. WILHELMSSEN SHIPS SERVICE   |
| 132. RILEY-SHERMAN SHIPPING AGENCY, INC.                  | 152. WORLD TRADE CENTER MISSISSIPPI RIVER ALLIANCE                         |
| 133. RUSSELL MARINE GROUP                                 | 153. WORLD TRADE CENTER OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA                          |
| 134. SEAGULL MARINE, INC.                                 | 154. WORLD TRADE CENTER OF NEW ORLEANS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, LOUISIANA |
| 135. SOUTHPORT AGENCIES, INC.                             | 155. ZEN-NOH GRAIN CORPORATION   |
| 136. SOUTHERN UNITED STATES TRADE ASSOCIATION             | **** END OF BIG RIVER COALITION RESOLUTION                                 |
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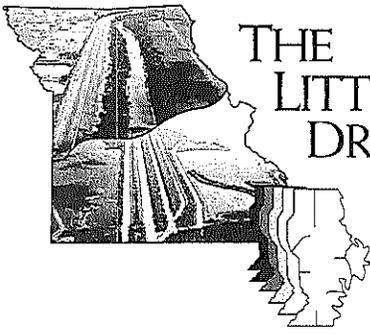
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156. COTTON BELT LEVEE DISTRICT No. 1, ARKANSAS

157. MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT, LOUISIANA





**THE  
LITTLE RIVER  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**FLOOD CONTROL & DRAINAGE  
SINCE — 1907**

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**Resolution**

Whereas, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that The Little River Drainage District, a Circuit Court Drainage District in the State of Missouri supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that The Little River Drainage District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee, drainage, and river conservancy districts who serve as local sponsors in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 19th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of said District.

ATTEST:

*W. Dustin Boatwright*  
W. Dustin Boatwright, Executive Vice President

*Sam M. Hunter*  
Sam M. Hunter, President

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Stephen Gambrell

Executive Vice President

## Resolution

**Whereas**, the unrelenting Christmas storm systems that caused the greatest flooding on record in the Middle Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of vital products: coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's most successful comprehensive flood control and navigation project provides protection for more than four million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities, and more than half a trillion dollars in property damage and loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one of the most successful civil works projects and the wisest public works investment our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2015-2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been compromised; and

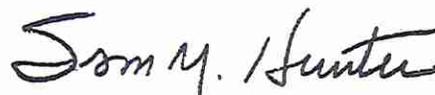
**Whereas**, failing to complete and recover the comprehensive flood control project, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the authority to prioritize and supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by flooding can reliably produce, rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are used for the primary objective of high value projects, not permits and studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association supports the passage of supplemental appropriations in the amount of 2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 million dollars per year for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of comprehensive flood control for the upper Mississippi River Basin to provide economic reliability and to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent on projects to protect people and property.

Done this 2nd day of February, 2016 by vote of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Executive Committee.



Sam M. Hunter  
Chairman  
Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association

# MISSOURI LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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## Resolution

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

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**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association, supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

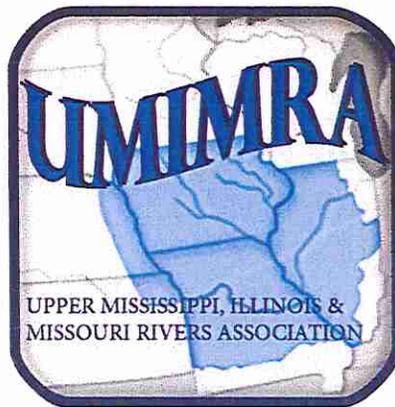
Done this 19th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of said District.

ATTEST:



Tom Waters, Chairman

Meagan Kaiser  
*Executive Director*  
Michael Klingner  
*Chairman, Illinois*  
Vicki Stoller  
*Vice Chairman, Iowa*  
Dianne Barnett  
*Treasurer, Illinois*  
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*Executive Committee, Iowa*  
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*Executive Committee, Missouri*  
Jason Hutcheson  
*Director, Iowa*



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*Director, Missouri*  
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*Director, Missouri*  
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### Resolution

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

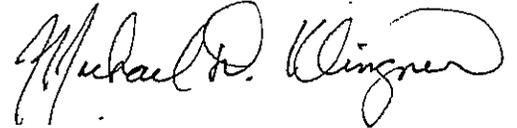
**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Upper Mississippi, Illinois, & Missouri Rivers supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved,** that The Upper Mississippi, Illinois & Missouri Rivers Association supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee, drainage, and river conservancy districts who serve as local sponsors in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 14th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the Upper Mississippi, Illinois, & Missouri Rivers Association.

ATTEST:

Michael Klingner, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Klingner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

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**ST. FRANCIS LEVEE DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

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**Resolution**

Whereas, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River form ports throughout the region down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act; provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

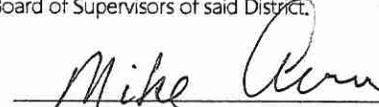
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the St. Francis Levee District of Missouri, a flood control facility in the State of Missouri supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that the St. Francis Levee District of Missouri supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the u.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of said District.

ATTEST:

  
 Vickie L. McCormick, Secretary-Treasurer

  
 Mike Avis, President

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*Administrative Assistant*

## **Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

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**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

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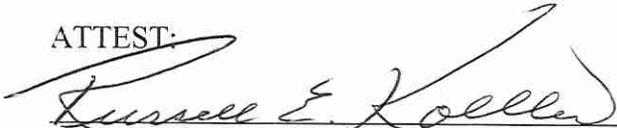
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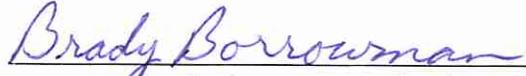
**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Sny Island Levee Drainage District, a Circuit Court Drainage District in the State of Illinois supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of \$500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The Sny Island Levee Drainage District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

Done this 18th day of January, 2016 unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners of said District.

ATTEST:

  
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Russell E. Koeller – Secretary

  
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Brady Borrowman, President



State of Illinois • Rock Island County  
**BIG ISLAND RIVER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
2528 58th Ave. W. • Milan, IL 61264

January 25, 2016

Resolution 2016-01

Whereas, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

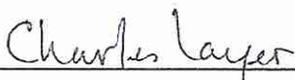
Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Big Island River Conservancy District, an Illinois River Conservancy District, supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that the Big Island River Conservancy District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee, drainage districts and river conservancy districts who serve as Local Sponsors in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

Done this 25th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the Big Island River Conservancy District ATTEST:

  
Charles L. Layer, President

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**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

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**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

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**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The St. Francis Levee District of Arkansas supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; annual funding in the amount of \$500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The St. Francis Levee District of Arkansas supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 19th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors of said District.

ATTEST:



Rob Rash, CEO/ Chief Engineer



Steve Higginbotham, President

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RICK BOYD, ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

## Resolution

Whereas, the unrelenting December, 2015 storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and record flooding for January in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River Basin includes 41% of the continental United States; and the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces 92% of the nation's agricultural exports, 78% of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and 60% of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River & Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacting people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; the MR&T Project is one of the most successful civil works projects and one of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets, and has provided a 46:1 benefit to cost ratio; and beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and the MR&T Project is currently only 85% complete and cannot pass the "Project Design Flood"; and failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy, national security and quality of life; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has spent much of the FY 2016 MR&T Project Appropriation fighting the historic January Flood; and

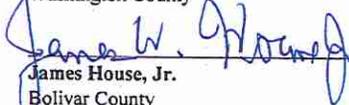
Whereas, the United States Congress has the authority to supply funding to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners in the State of Mississippi supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued construction and maintenance of the Mississippi River & Tributaries Project; and the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

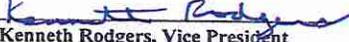
Done this 11th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners.

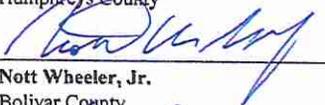
  
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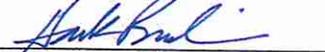
  
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**The Board of Levee Commissioners  
for the  
Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District**

**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

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**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

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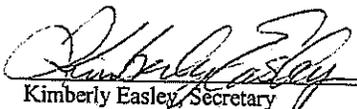
**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

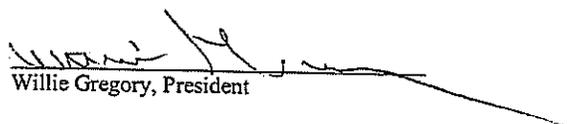
**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District, existing under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 14th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District.

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly Easley, Secretary

  
Willie Gregory, President

Com. Robert N. Harwell  
Richland Parish  
Rayville, LA

Com. Ramona Haire  
Richland Parish  
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Com. Ashley Peters  
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**Resolution**

Whereas, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

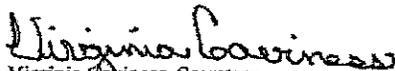
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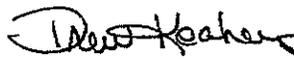
Now, therefore, be it resolved that The Tensas Basin Levee District in the State of Louisiana supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that The Tensas Basin Levee District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 14th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of said District.

ATTEST:

  
Virginia Caviness, Secretary

  
Drew Keahey, President

## Resolution

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

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**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

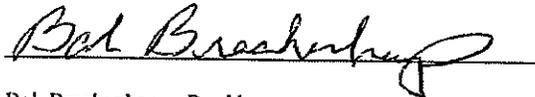
**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The South Quincy Drainage and Levee District, a Circuit Court Drainage District in the State of Illinois supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The South Quincy Drainage and Levee District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 26th day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Commissioners of said District.

ATTEST:



Bob Breckenkamp, President

Board of Commissioners  
John P. Wescoat  
Jerry L. Hayes  
Patrick McCrate  
Larry Blunt  
Andy Smelser  
Randall Ramsey  
Rick Towery

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**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The New Madrid County Port Authority, supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The New Madrid County Port Authority supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of the New Madrid County Port Authority.



ATTEST: Timmie L. Hunter, Executive Director



John Wescoat, Chairman

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**PEMISCOT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**  
**111 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Caruthersville, MO 63830**

**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

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**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

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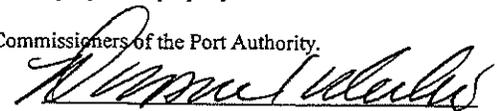
**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Pemiscot County Port Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Pemiscot County Port Authority supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority.



Duane S. Michie, Chairman

ATTEST:



Raymond DePriest, Secretary

Levee District #2  
of Scott County MO

Oliver Kirkpatrick, *President*

Bill Seiler, *Vice President*

Jim Vetter, *Secretary*

Resolution

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

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**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that Levee District #2 of Scott County MO, a County Court Drainage District in the State of Missouri supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that Levee District #2 of Scott County MO supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors of said District.

ATTEST:

Oliver Kirkpatrick, President

Bill Seiler, Vice President

Jim Vetter, Secretary

# Elk Chute Drainage District of Missouri

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Charles R. Earnest  
President, Board of Supervisors

## Resolution

Whereas, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

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Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

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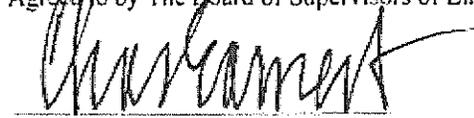
Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

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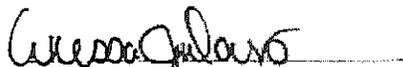
Now, therefore, be it resolved that Elk Chute Drainage District a Circuit Court Drainage District in the State of Missouri supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that Elk Chute Drainage District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee, drainage, and river conservancy districts who serve as local sponsors in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Agreed to by The Board of Supervisors of Elk Chute Drainage District.



Charles Earnest, President



Anessa Davis, Secretary

January 29, 2016

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**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

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**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

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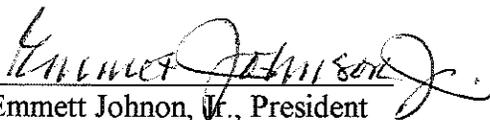
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**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Southeast Arkansas Levee District, in the State of Arkansas, covering the counties of Chicot, Desha and Lincoln supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Southeast Arkansas Levee District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee, drainage, and river conservancy districts who serve as local sponsors in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 4th day of February, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Commissioners of said District.

  
Emmett Johnson, Jr., President

Greg Simpson, Vice-President  
Alex Pieroni, Commissioner  
Dr. J. P. Burge, Commissioner  
Reynold Meyer, Commissioner



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## Resolution 2016-02

### Flood Control, Flood Damage Repair, and Appropriate Funding

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

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**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

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**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, authorized pursuant to Chapter 68 RSMo by Cape Girardeau County and Scott County, supports:

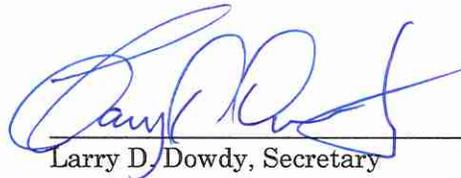
- (1) Passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure;
- (2) Yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; and
- (3) Passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

Adopted this 8th day of February, 2016.



Rice P. Burns, Chairman



Larry D. Dowdy, Secretary

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**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

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**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

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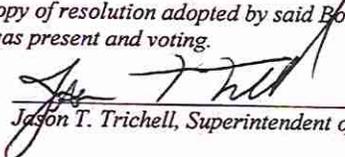
**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

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**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Fifth Louisiana Levee District in the State of Louisiana supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The Fifth Louisiana Levee District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

*I, Jason Trichell, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by said Board, meeting in regular session on February 10, 2016, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.*

  
Jason T. Trichell, Superintendent of Operations





## PORT COMMISSION RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, the unrelenting Christmas storm systems that caused the greatest flooding on record in the Middle Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

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**Whereas,** failing to complete and recover the comprehensive flood control approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas,** the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are used for projects, not permits and studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission supports the passage of supplemental appropriations in the amount of 2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 million dollars per year for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of comprehensive flood control for the upper Mississippi River Basin to provide economic reliability and to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved,** that The Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy and said document was adopted/granted by the Memphis and Shelby County Port Commission on the 17th day of February, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Jackson", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary/Treasurer

# Consolidated Drainage District Number One

*of Pemiscot County*

4949 Highway C  
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Board of Supervisors  
David Haggard, President  
Charles Earnest, Vice-President  
Delbert DePriest  
Gary Sanders  
Wendell Hoskins

## Resolution

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's

flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

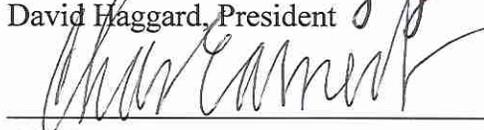
**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that Consolidated Drainage District No. One of Pemiscot County Missouri supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that Consolidated Drainage District No. One of Pemiscot County Missouri supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee, drainage, and river conservancy districts who serve as local sponsors in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Agreed to by The Board of Supervisors of Consolidated Drainage District No. One of Pemiscot County, Missouri. Done February 8, 2016.



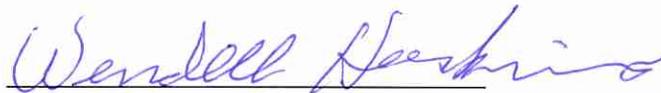
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Gary Sanders



Anessa Davis, Secretary

**Board of Commissioners  
Fulton County Levee Board of Kentucky**

102 West Wellington Street  
Hickman, Kentucky 42050

**Commissioners  
Doug Voorhees Larry Parks  
Joey Parker Mark Williams Henry Sanger**

**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms that caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of vital products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's most successful comprehensive flood control and navigation project provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half a trillion dollars in property damage and loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one of the most successful civil works projects and the wisest public works investment our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been compromised; and

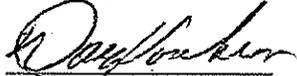
**Whereas**, failing to complete and recover the comprehensive flood control approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

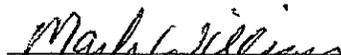
**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are used for projects, not permits and studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Fulton County Levee Board supports the passage of supplemental appropriations in the amount of 2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 million dollars per year for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of comprehensive flood control for the upper Mississippi River Basin to provide economic reliability and to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The Fulton County Levee Board supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

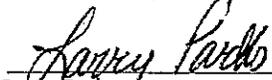
Done this 23rd day of February, 2016 by vote of the Fulton County Levee Board.

  
Doug Voorhees, President

  
Mark Williams, Vice-President

  
Joey Parker, Secretary

  
Henry Sanger

  
Larry Parks



**Board Members**

Lynn Majors Mike Taylor Monroe Bellew  
John Wayne Davie Will Rice James Black  
Lucas Goodman David Weatherly

**Resolution**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms that caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of vital products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's most successful comprehensive flood control and navigation project provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half a trillion dollars in property damage and loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one of the most successful civil works projects and the wisest public works investment our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to complete and recover the comprehensive flood control approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are used for projects, not permits and studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority supports the passage of supplemental appropriations in the amount of 2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 million dollars per year for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of comprehensive flood control for the upper Mississippi River Basin to provide economic reliability and to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved**, that The Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

Done this 23rd day of February, 2016 by vote of the Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority Executive Board.

Lynn Major, Chairman

Mike Taylor, Vice-Chairman

Lucas Goodman, Secretary

Monroe Bellew

David Weatherly

Will Rice

John Wayne Davie

James Black

# City of Memphis



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper and Middle Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River; and

**WHEREAS**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, navigation on the Mississippi carries a vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and, since its creation in 1928, has saved millions of lives, communities and more than half a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is the most successful civil works project and wisest investment our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2015-2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been compromised; and

**WHEREAS**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

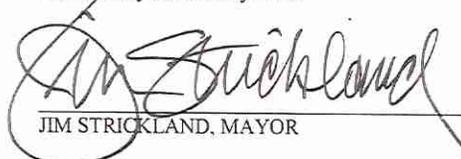
**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood, to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property, and to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Strickland, Mayor of the City of Memphis, Tennessee support the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure, yearly funding in the amount of \$500 million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, and the approach and passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the City of Memphis, Tennessee supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly for projects to protect people and property.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Seal of the City of Memphis to be affixed  
this 29th day of February 2016.

  
JIM STRICKLAND, MAYOR



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, during the last six (6) years the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall flooding with the most recent being the winter flood of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Vicksburg, MS is located on the Mississippi River with nearly 25,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half of the country, and since its creation in 1928, has saved millions of lives in communities throughout our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; and to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects' costs shared with local governments.

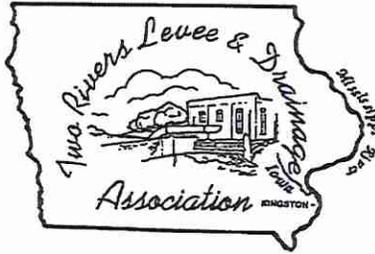
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, MS, on behalf of the Honorable Michael A. Mayfield, Sr., North Ward Alderman, and the Honorable Willis T. Thompson, South Ward Alderman, support the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2 billion in repair to flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of \$500 million for continued maintenance of the MR&T Project; and passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Vicksburg, MS supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Vicksburg to be affixed on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



  
GEORGE FLAGGS, JR., MAYOR  
CITY OF VICKSBURG, MS



RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States congress has the power to supply funding to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that The Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association, supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure: yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, the Two Rivers Levee & Drainage District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property. Done this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of Two Rivers Levee & Drainage District.

ATTEST:

*Kirk Siegle*  
3-25-2016

Kirk Siegle, Chairman

CITY OFFICIALS:

DICKIE KENNEMORE, MAYOR  
DONALD BETTERTON, MUNICIPAL JUDGE  
CATHERINE P. DEAN, CITY ATTORNEY  
JESSICA GRIFFIN, CLERK/ TREASURER



CITY COUNCIL:

SANDRA BRAND  
TYLER DUNEGAN  
LINDA WATSON  
JAMES BAKER, JR.  
DOT POLLOCK  
SALLY WILSON

Resolution

**WHEREAS**, during the last six (6) years, the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall flooding with the most recent being the winter flood of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Osceola, Arkansas is located on the Mississippi River, with new industry bringing 3500 jobs to an impoverished area is dependent on river transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half of the country, and since its creation in 1928, has saved millions of lives in communities throughout our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

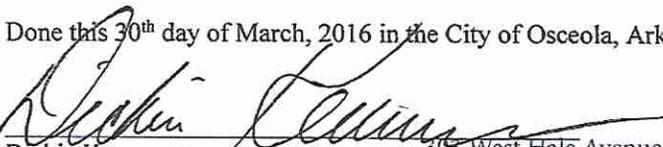
**WHEREAS**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; and to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects' costs shared with local governments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Dickie Kennemore, Mayor of the City of Osceola, Arkansas, support the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2 billion in repair to flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of \$500 million for continued maintenance of the MR&T Project; and passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the city of Osceola, Arkansas supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

Done this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016 in the City of Osceola, Arkansas.

  
Dickie Kennemore  
Mayor

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## RESOLUTION

Whereas, during the last six (6) years the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall and flooding with the most recent being the winter flood of 2016; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of vital commodities such as coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half (\$0.5) a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the MR&T Project has been compromised; and

Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects cost shared with local governments; and

Whereas, the City of Caruthersville is located on the Mississippi River with 6,000 residents.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Caruthersville, Missouri supports the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of \$500 million dollars for continued maintenance of the MR&T Project; and passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that the City of Caruthersville, Missouri supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016 by the City of Caruthersville, Missouri.

  
Mike McGraw  
Mayor, City of Caruthersville

# St. Johns Levee & Drainage District of Missouri

February 28, 2016

## Resolution

**Whereas**, the unrelenting winter storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and/or studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the board of supervisors of the St. Johns Levee & Drainage District, located in Southeast Missouri, supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

**Be it further resolved,** that the St. Johns Levee & Drainage District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee, drainage, and river conservancy districts who serve as local sponsors in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly projects to protect people and property.

Done this 28th day of February, 2016 with support of the Board of Supervisors of said District.

ATTEST: Riley James, President, Board of Supervisors

BILL NO. 16-62

RESOLUTION NO. 2977

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES PROJECT, AND PASSAGE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE FLOOD CONTROL AND NAVIGATION PROJECT, FOR THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN

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WHEREAS, during the last six (6) years the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall and flooding with the most recent being the winter flood of 2016; and

WHEREAS, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of vital commodities such as coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half (\$0.5) a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

WHEREAS, beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the MR&T Project has been compromised; and

WHEREAS, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects cost shared with local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cape Girardeau is located on the Mississippi River with nearly 40,000 residents.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1. The City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri supports the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of \$500 million dollars for continued maintenance of the MR&T Project; and passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

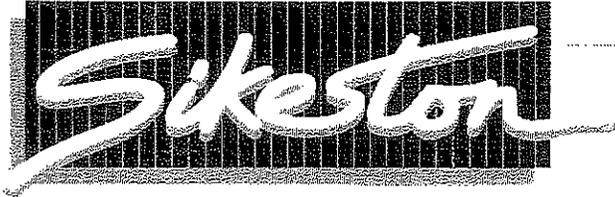
Article 2. Further, the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2016.

  
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Harry E. Rediger, Mayor



*Bruce Taylor*  
Bruce Taylor, Deputy City Clerk



City of Sikeston

## ***PROCLAMATION***

WHEREAS, during the last several years Southeast Missouri and the Missouri Bootheel have experienced historic rainfall and flooding along the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the geography of the Missouri Bootheel presents significant challenges for stormwater and flood management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sikeston, Missouri, is home to over 16,000 residents and is a regional trade center that relies on river ports and communities along the Mississippi River to support commerce and transportation; and

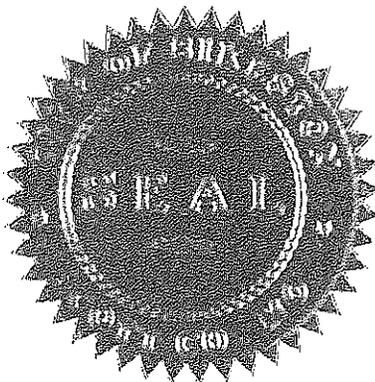
WHEREAS, agriculture in the Mississippi River Basin is the lifeblood of the economy throughout the Sikeston region; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides comprehensive flood control and navigation protection, as well as economic necessities including safe and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, economic development and recreation in our region; and

WHEREAS, historic floods in 2008, 2011, and 2015-2016 have threatened the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven Burch, Mayor of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, do support passage of supplemental appropriations supporting the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project as well as relief from overly burdensome regulatory requirements that delay needed flood and other infrastructure improvements to protect lives, property, and economic activity in Missouri and throughout the Mississippi River Valley.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



  
Steven Burch, Mayor



## RESOLUTION

Whereas, the prevailing 100-year El Nino weather pattern has been the prevailing driver of record stage levels on the Carrollton Gauge (New Orleans) for the months of July (2015), August (2015) and January (2016). These historic stage levels were most severe during the greatest flooding on record in the Middle Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, through the Lower Mississippi River Deep-Draft Ports Complex or the Ports of Baton Rouge, South Louisiana, New Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries over 500 million tons of vital commodities such as coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

Whereas, the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Operations and Maintenance Budget for the Mississippi River Ship Channel remains woefully inadequate with the President's Budget request level at approximately \$86 million and the actual and consistent annual need is \$150 million. The Mississippi River Ship Channel remains deficient and accordingly the Bar, Crescent River and Federal Pilots have been force to implement economically crippling draft restrictions with limits of up to 6 feet down to 41 feet in January 2016, presently holding at 43 feet versus authorized depth of 45 feet; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half (\$0.5) a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the MR&T Project has been compromised; and

Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects cost shared with local governments; and

Whereas, the Port of South Louisiana has confirmed with the USACE that it is presently hampered by a funding shortfall of \$75 million to recover the nation's leading economic artery of trade, the Mississippi River Ship Chanel from the flooding event of 2016; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Port of South Louisiana, supports the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2.075 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure and restore the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fully authorized dimensions; yearly funding in the amount of \$150 million for Operations and Maintenance of the Mississippi River Ship Channel and \$500 million for continued maintenance of the MR&T Project; and passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that the Port of South Louisiana supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities and ports as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people, property, and economic prosperity.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Robert Roussel	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
D. Paul Robichaux	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Louis A. Joseph	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

Joseph Scontrino, III	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Stanley C. Bazile	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
P. Joey Murray, III	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Kelly Buckwalter	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 13th day of April, 2016.

*Stanley C. Bazile*  
Secretary

*[Signature]*  
President

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Port of South Louisiana held on this 13th day of April, 2016 in which a quorum was present and voting and that the Resolution adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at La Place, Louisiana on the 13th day of April, 2016.

*Stanley C. Bazile*  
Secretary

## RESOLUTION NO. 16-126

On motion of Council Member Black, seconded by Council Member Edgecombe, and on roll call all members present and voting "YES", except Council Member Barthelemy who "ABSTAINED", the following Resolution was adopted:

A Resolution supporting requests for Federal Legislation appropriating additional funds to be used for the repair of flood damage to the Mississippi River System and to restore the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fully authorized dimensions; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the prevailing 100-year El Nino weather pattern has been the prevailing driver of record stage levels on the Carrollton Gauge (New Orleans) for the months of July (2015), August (2015) and January (2016). These historic stage levels were most severe during the greatest flooding on record in the Middle Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, through the Lower Mississippi River Deep-Draft Ports Complex or the Ports of Baton Rouge, South Louisiana, New Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans; and

WHEREAS, navigation on the Mississippi River carries over 500 million tons of vital commodities such as coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Operations and Maintenance Budget for the Mississippi River Ship Channel remains woefully inadequate with the President's Budget request level at approximately \$86 million and the actual and consistent annual need is \$150 million. The Mississippi River Ship Channel remains deficient and accordingly the Bar, Crescent River and Federal Pilots have been forced to implement economically crippling draft restrictions with limits of up to 6 feet down to 41 feet in January 2016, presently holding at 43 feet versus authorized depth of 45 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half (\$0.5) a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

WHEREAS, beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the MR&T Project has been compromised; and

WHEREAS, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood

control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects cost shared with local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Port, Harbor & Terminal District has confirmed with the USACE that it is presently hampered by a funding shortfall of \$75 million to recover the nation's leading economic artery of trade, the Mississippi River Ship Channel from the flooding event of 2016;

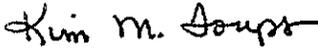
NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby supports the passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2.075 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure and restore the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fully authorized dimensions; yearly funding in the amount of \$150 million for Operations and Maintenance of the Mississippi River Ship Channel and \$500 million for continued maintenance of the MR&T Project; and passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT it hereby supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities and ports as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people, property, and economic prosperity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH COUNCIL AS THE SOLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PLAQUEMINES PORT HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Port employees and officials are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Plaquemines Parish Council at a meeting held in the Temporary Court Building, 450 F. Edward Hebert Blvd., Belle Chasse, Louisiana, on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

  
Secretary

## GREATER BATON ROUGE PORT COMMISSION

### RESOLUTION

Whereas, during the last six (6) years the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall and flooding with the most recent being the winter flood of 2016; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, and

Whereas, three of the top ten ports in the nation are located between Baton Rouge and the mouth of the Mississippi River (the Port of South Louisiana (1), the Port of New Orleans (8), and the Port of Greater Baton Rouge (9), and account for over 400 million tons of cargo per year combined, and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of vital products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's most successful comprehensive flood control and navigation project provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than Five Hundred Billion (\$500,000,000.00) dollars in property damage and loss; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one of the most successful civil works projects and the wisest public works investment our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

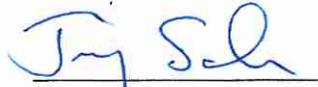
Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project has been compromised; and

Whereas, failing to complete and recover the comprehensive flood control approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are used for projects, not permits and studies.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission supports the passage of supplemental appropriations in the amount of 2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; the passage of a comprehensive flood control project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to provide economic reliability and to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

  
Jimmy Sanchez, Secretary

  
Corey Sarullo, President

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission held on the 28th day of April, 2016 in which a quorum was present and voting and that the Resolution adopted is still in full force and effect and has not been rescinded or revoked.

Signed at Port Allen, Louisiana on the 28th day of April, 2016.

  
Jimmy Sanchez, Secretary

## **RESOLUTION OF THE MONARCH-CHESTERFIELD LEVEE DISTRICT**

**Whereas**, the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District is concerned with what the future may hold for those who live and work in the Mississippi River Valley; and

**Whereas**, in five out of the last six years, the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall and flooding; and

**Whereas**, the December 2015 storm systems caused significant flooding along the Missouri River and throughout the Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry along the Missouri River and within the Mississippi River Basin produces more than ninety (90) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, over seventy-five (75) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's most successful comprehensive flood control and navigation project, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Mississippi River Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half a trillion dollars in property damage and loss; and

**Whereas**, beyond flood control, the flood protection systems within the Mississippi River Basin provide benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011 and 2016, the flood protection systems within the Mississippi River Basin have been compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to complete and recover the comprehensive flood control approach for the entire Mississippi River basin, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

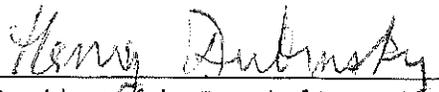
**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by recent flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the Mississippi River Basin to protect

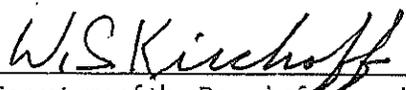
people and property; and to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are used for projects rather than permits and studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District supports the passage of supplemental appropriations in the amount of 2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the Mississippi River Basin system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 million dollars per year for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; and the passage of comprehensive flood control to provide economic reliability and to protect people and property along the Missouri River and throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley.

**Be it further resolved**, that the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 by vote of the Board of Supervisors of the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District.

  
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President of the Board of Supervisors

  
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Secretary of the Board of Supervisors

## **RESOLUTION OF THE HOWARD BEND LEVEE DISTRICT**

**Whereas**, the Howard Bend Levee District is concerned with what the future may hold for those who live and work in the Mississippi River Valley; and

**Whereas**, in five out of the last six years, the Mississippi River Valley has experienced historic rainfall and flooding; and

**Whereas**, the December 2015 storm systems caused significant flooding along the Missouri River and throughout the Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry along the Missouri River and within the Mississippi River Basin produces more than ninety (90) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, over seventy-five (75) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's most successful comprehensive flood control and navigation project, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Mississippi River Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half a trillion dollars in property damage and loss; and

**Whereas**, beyond flood control, the flood protection systems within the Mississippi River Basin provide benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

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**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by recent flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the Mississippi River Basin to protect

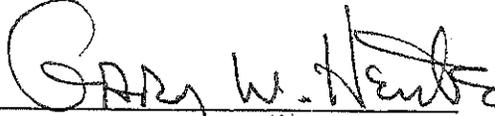
people and property; and to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are used for projects rather than permits and studies.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Howard Bend Levee District supports the passage of supplemental appropriations in the amount of 2 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the Mississippi River Basin system and infrastructure; yearly funding in the amount of 500 million dollars per year for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; and the passage of comprehensive flood control to provide economic reliability and to protect people and property along the Missouri River and throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley.

**Be it further resolved,** that the Howard Bend Levee District supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 by vote of the Board of Supervisors of the Howard Bend Levee District.

  
President of the Board of Supervisors

  
Secretary of the Board of Supervisors

# Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association

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## Resolution

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL ASSOCIATION IN ITS 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 5, 2015, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

WE REAFFIRM OUR POSITION THAT THE FLOOD CONTROL AND NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES PROJECT ARE NECESSARY TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WATERSHED AND TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE NATION AND AS SUCH REPRESENT A SOUND FEDERAL INVESTMENT WITH A BENEFIT/COST RATIO OF 46 TO 1.

WE REAFFIRM OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR EARLY COMPLETION OF THE AUTHORIZED PROJECT FOR FLOOD CONTROL OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN THE ALLUVIAL VALLEY. WHILE THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE IS SERVING A HIGHLY USEFUL PURPOSE IN PROTECTING THIS VAST AREA FROM NORMAL FLOODS, THE VALLEY IS STILL VULNERABLE TO A GREATER FLOOD, THE IMMINENCE OF WHICH INCREASES WITH EACH PASSING YEAR. EACH YEAR'S DELAY IN COMPLETION OF ALL THE MAJOR FEATURES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT AMPLIFIES THE RISK OF EXPERIENCING A DEVASTATING FLOOD.

WE REPEAT OUR OFTEN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO EFFICIENTLY PROSECUTE THE FLOOD CONTROL, NAVIGATION AND RELATED PROJECTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEIR RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THIS NATION, WHICH IS THE CRADLE OF THESE PROGRAMS, IS UNEXCELLED IN THE ANNALS OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT.

WE REAFFIRM OUR STRONG CONVICTION THAT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION IS A VITAL FORCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF OUR CHALLENGES, AND WE COMMEND THE HONORABLE SAM E. ANGEL FOR SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THAT BODY LONGER THAN ANY OTHER.

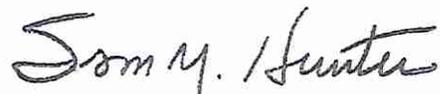
WE REQUEST THE UNITED STATES ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO DECLARE THE TWELVE FLOOT NAVIGATION CHANNEL FROM BATON ROUGE TO CAIRO, ILINOIS THAT WAS AUTHORIZED IN 1945, TO BE A REALITY.

THE ASSOCIATION NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE ACTION OF CONGRESS IN PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE MR&T PROJECT. WE REAFFIRM OUR CONVICTION THAT CONSTITUTIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING EACH YEAR IS NECESSARY FOR THE MOST ECONOMIC PROSECUTION OF THE WORK. THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION IS NECESSARY DUE TO DAMAGES INCURRED BY THE RECORD-SETTING FLOODS OF 2011. WE REQUEST AN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF 500 MILLION DOLLARS AT A MINIMUM FOR PROJECT MAINTENANCE AND COMPLETION.

WE EXPRESS TO LIEUTANT GENERAL THOMAS BOSTICK OUR GREAT SUPPORT, THE CHIEF OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM IN THE CONSIDERATION OF OUR MANY CHALLENGES IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY AND WE OFFER OUR COOPERATION IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY.

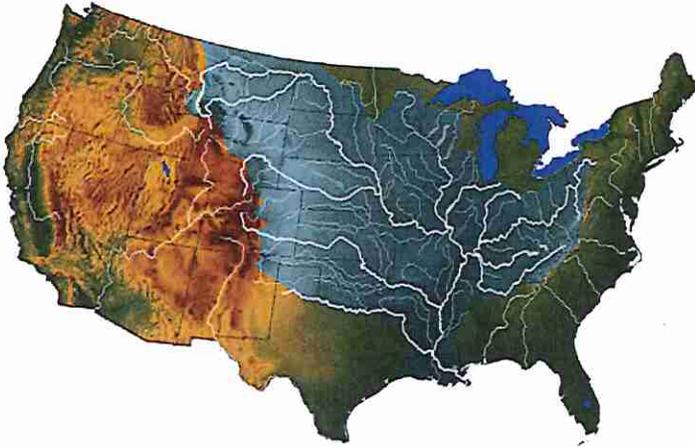
THE NATIONAL LEVEE SAFETY COMMITTEE, WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE WILL SET STANDARDS THAT ARE UNREALISTIC. THE LOCAL PEOPLE THROUGH THE MVFCA BELIEVES THE MR&T, UPON COMPLETION, PROVIDES A LEVEL OF PROTECTION ENVIED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD AND FURTHERMORE, WILL WORK WITH THE MRC, USACE AND THE CONGRESS TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC PROPERITY AND PROTECTION THROUGH FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS THAT WORKS HAND IN HAND WITH NAVIGATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR GREAT NATION.

IN CONCLUSION, WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE OF OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE GONE TO THEIR ETERNAL REWARD DURING THE PAST YEAR AND WHO HAVE GIVEN SO UNSTINTINGLY OF THEIR TIME AND MEANS TO HELP THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY. THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENORMOUS TASK INFUSES US WITH A STRONGER WILL TO CARRY ON WITH THIS IMPORTANT OBLIGATION.



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Chairman  
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## BIG RIVER COALITION FLOOD EVENT APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

Whereas, the long-lasting 100-year El Nino weather pattern has been the prevailing driver of record stage levels on the Carrollton Gauge (New Orleans) for the majority of the last year, including record stages for the months of July (2015), August (2015) and January (2016). These historic stage levels were most severe during the greatest flooding on record in the Middle Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River in 2015/2016; and

Whereas, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, through the Lower Mississippi River Deep-Draft Ports Complex: comprised of the Ports of Baton Rouge, South Louisiana, New Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines; and

Whereas, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans; and

Whereas, navigation on the Mississippi River also transports over 500 million tons of vital commodities including coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

Whereas, the performance of the levee and flood control system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and impacts its ability to function efficiently; and

Whereas, the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Operations and Maintenance Budget for the Mississippi River Ship Channel remains woefully inadequate with

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the President's Budget request level of ~\$86 million and the actual and consistent annual demand in the range of \$150 million. The Mississippi River Ship Channel has been at less than authorized dimensions for the first half of the 2016 calendar year. The Mississippi River Ship Channel remains deficient and accordingly the Bar, Crescent River and Federal Pilots have been forced to implement economically crippling draft restrictions with limits of up to 6 feet down to 41 feet in early January 2016, only recently restored to the authorized depth of 45 feet; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides direct protection for more than seven million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

Whereas, beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

Whereas, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the MR&T Project has been compromised; and

Whereas, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects cost shared with local governments; and

Whereas, the Big River Coalition has confirmed with the Corps of Engineers that it is presently hampered by a funding shortfall of \$67.5 million to recover the nation's leading economic artery of trade, the Mississippi River Ship Channel from the flooding event of 2016; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Big River Coalition, supports the following Congressional efforts:

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- 1) The emergency passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2.075 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the flood system and infrastructure and restore the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fully authorized dimensions; and
- 2) Yearly funding in the amount of \$150 million for Operations and Maintenance of the Mississippi River Ship Channel; and
- 3) \$500 million annually for completion and maintenance of the MR&T Project; and
- 4) Passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

Be it further resolved, that the Big River Coalition supports passage of federal legislation providing main stem Mississippi River municipalities and ports as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people, property, and economic prosperity.

Adopted this 13th day of June, 2016 by the Big River Coalition.

Signed by: Sean M. Duffell Sr.  
Executive Director

Supporters of the positions stated above are listed below:

Admiral Security Services, Inc.  
AEP River Operations  
American Commercial Lines  
American Waterways Operators  
Archer Daniels Midland  
Arkansas Oklahoma Port Operators Associations  
Arkansas Waterways Commission  
Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of New Orleans (Bar Pilots)  
Associated Federal Pilots and Docking Masters of Louisiana  
Association of Ship Brokers & Agents (USA), Inc.  
Associated Terminals, LLC  
Belle Chasse Marine Transportation  
Bertel Shipping Company

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Biehl & Co., Inc.  
Bisso Towboat Co., Inc.  
Blue Marine Security  
Blue Water Shipping Company  
Bunge Limited  
CGB Enterprises, Inc.  
Capes Southport Agencies  
Celtic International Shipping Agency, LLC.  
Channel Design Group  
Channel Shipyard Companies  
CHS Terminal  
Consolidated Terminals and Logistics Co.  
Cooper Consolidated Stevedoring & Marine Services  
Cooper T. Smith Mooring, Co.  
Cooper T. Smith Stevedoring  
Crescent River Port Pilots Association  
Crescent Towing  
Dredging Contractors of America  
Duffy Maritime Consultants, LLC  
Emerald International Corporation  
Exxon Mobil Refining & Supply Company  
Fillette, Green Shipping Services (USA) Corp.  
Five Rivers Distribution  
Foresight Energy, LLC  
GAC Shipping (USA) Inc.  
General Maritime Transportation Services, Inc.  
General Steamship Corp., Ltd.  
Greater New Orleans, Inc.  
Gulf Harbor Shipping, LLC  
Gulf Inland Marine Services, Inc.  
Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association  
Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority, Inc.  
Impala Warehousing (US) LLC  
Imtech Marine USA Inc.  
Inchcape Shipping Services  
Ingram Barge Company  
Inland Rivers Ports and Terminals, Inc.  
International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of New Orleans  
International Marine Terminals  
J.W. Allen & Co., Inc.  
Jantran, Inc.

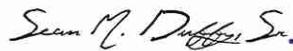
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Johnston's Port 33, Inc.  
K&C Shipping, Inc.  
Louisiana Maritime Association  
Louisiana Maritime International Chamber of Commerce  
Louisiana River Pilots Association  
Lott Ship Agency, Inc.  
Marathon Petroleum Company LP  
Maritime & Commodity Services, LLC  
Maritime Endeavors Shipping Co., Ltd.  
MaRyan Mining, LLC  
Mid-Gulf Shipping Company, Inc.  
Mississippi Valley Trade and Transport Council  
Moran-Gulf Shipping Agencies, Inc.  
Moran Towing Corporation  
Naftilos Shipping Agencies  
Natchez Port Authority  
National Association of Maritime Organizations  
New Orleans – Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association  
Newship (USA), Inc.  
Nord-Sud Shipping, Inc.  
Norton Lilly International  
Offshore Marine Group LLC  
Page & Jones, Inc.  
Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry  
Port of Greater Baton Rouge  
Port of Little Rock  
Port of Memphis  
Port of Muskogee  
Port of New Orleans  
Port of Pittsburgh  
Port of Plaquemines Harbor & Terminal District  
Port of South Louisiana  
Port Ship Service, Inc.  
Ports America Louisiana, LLC  
Ports Association of Louisiana  
Propeller Club of the Port of New Orleans  
Radio Holland USA  
Raven Energy LLC of Louisiana  
Resolve Marine Group  
Riley-Sherman Shipping Agency, Inc.  
Russell Marine Group  
Seagull Marine, Inc.

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Southport Agencies, Inc.  
Southern United States Trade Association  
St. Bernard Port, Harbor & Terminal District  
Stolt Tankers & Terminals  
Soy Transportation Coalition  
Summit Marine Services, LLC  
T. Parker Host, Inc.  
Trafigura  
Transmarine Navigation Corporation  
Tricon Steamship Agency, Inc.  
Trinity Shipping, Inc.  
Turn Services  
Venice Port Complex  
Warren Country Port Commission  
Waterways Association of Pittsburgh  
Weber Marine, Inc.  
Wilhelmsen Ship Service  
World Trade Center Mississippi River Alliance  
World Trade Center of New Orleans  
World Trade Center of New Orleans' Transportation Committee  
Wilhelmsen Ships Service  
ZEN-NOH Grain Corporation

Sincerely,



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**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, the unrelenting spring storms caused the greatest flooding on record in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River Basin; and

**Whereas**, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans, and most of the livestock and hogs produced nationally; and

**Whereas**, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, down to the Port of New Orleans and the Port of South Louisiana; and

**Whereas**, navigation on the Mississippi River carries the vast amount of important products like coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impact people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than \$0.5 a trillion dollars in property damage loss; and

**Whereas**, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project is one (1) of the most successful civil works projects and one (1) of the wisest investments our country has made, protecting more than \$250 billion dollars in assets; and

**Whereas**, beyond its flood control protection, the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation, and

**Whereas**, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the Mississippi river and Tributaries Project has been significantly compromised; and

**Whereas**, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild

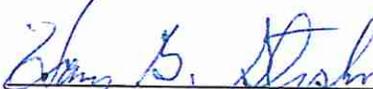
and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory process to ensure federal funds are being utilized for projects, not permits and or studies.

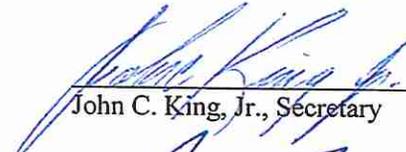
**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that The Cotton Belt Levee District No. 1, Phillips County, Arkansas supports the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill (\$2 billion dollars) to repair flood damage to the system and infrastructure, annual funding in the amount of \$500 Million dollars for continued maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, the passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley, and

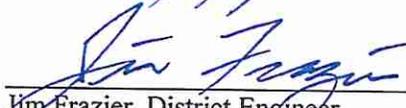
**Be it further resolved**, that Cotton Belt Levee District No. 1, Phillips County, Arkansas supports passage of federal legislation providing local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people and property.

Done this 30 day of June, 2016 by unanimous vote of the Cotton Belt Levee District No. 1, Phillips County, Arkansas.

COTTON BELT LEVEE DISTRICT NO. 1,  
PHILLIPS COUNTY ARKANSAS

  
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Harry Stephens, President

  
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John C. King, Jr., Secretary

  
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Jim Frazier, District Engineer

It was moved by Mr. Duhon and seconded by Mr. Cain that the following Resolution be adopted:

### RESOLUTION

A Resolution supporting requests for Federal Legislation appropriating additional funds to be used for the repair of flood damage to the Mississippi River System and to restore the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fully authorized dimensions; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the prevailing 100-year El Nino weather pattern has been the prevailing driver of record stage levels on the Carrollton Gauge (New Orleans) for the months of July (2015), August (2015) and January (2016). These historic stage levels were most severe during the greatest flooding on record in the Middle Mississippi River Basin and near record flooding in the Lower Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, sixty (60) percent of all grain exported from the United States is shipped via the Mississippi River from ports throughout the region, through the Lower Mississippi River DeepDraft Ports Complex or the Ports of Baton Rouge, South Louisiana, New Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, the value of the agricultural products and the large agribusiness industry in the Mississippi River Basin produces ninety-two (92) percent of the nation's agricultural exports, seventy-eight (78) percent of the world's exports in feed grains and soybeans; and

WHEREAS, navigation on the Mississippi River carries over 500 million tons of vital commodities such as coal, fertilizer, cement, gravel and salt, among others, which are the building blocks of our nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, the performance of the levee system in the Lower Mississippi River Valley has a direct impact on the Mississippi River's navigation system and its ability to function efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Operations and Maintenance Budget for the Mississippi River Ship Channel remains woefully inadequate with the President's Budget request level at approximately \$86 million and the actual and consistent annual need is \$150 million. The Mississippi River Ship Channel remains deficient and accordingly the Bar, Crescent River and Federal Pilots have been forced to implement economically crippling draft restrictions with limits of up to 6 feet down to 41 feet in January 2016, presently holding at 43 feet versus authorized depth of 45 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project, the nation's first comprehensive flood control and navigation act, provides protection for more than four (4) million people that live in the Lower Mississippi Valley, impacts people in half the USA and since its creation in 1928, has saved thousands of lives, communities and more than half (\$0.5) a trillion dollars in property damage/loss; and

WHEREAS, beyond its flood control protection, the MR&T Project provides benefits crucial to the Mississippi Valley region, including stable and reliable drinking water supplies, power generation, navigation and commerce, economic development and recreation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the historic floods of 2008, 2011, and 2016, the MR&T Project has been compromised; and

WHEREAS, failing to implement a systematic approach, experiencing a failure in the system or failing to restore the system in time for the next high-water event would be devastating to our nation's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the power to supply funding to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal and state agencies so that those devastated by this year's flooding can rebuild and restore their lives and livelihood; to approve and fund

a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the upper Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property; to pass legislation providing the authority to streamline the existing complicated and lengthy planning processes required by the federal government along with the exhaustive regulatory reviews that significantly diminish funds that could be used for construction, especially projects cost shared with local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District has confirmed with the USACE that it is presently hampered by a funding shortfall of \$75 million to recover the nation's leading economic artery of trade, the Mississippi River Ship Channel from the flooding event of 2016:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District that it supports:

- 1) The emergency passage of supplemental appropriations of \$2.075 billion dollars to repair flood damage to the flood system and infrastructure and restore the Mississippi River Ship Channel to fully authorized dimensions; and
- 2) Yearly funding in the amount of \$150 million for Operations and Maintenance of the Mississippi River Ship Channel; and
- 3) \$500 million annually for completion and maintenance of the MR&T Project; and
- 4) Passage of a comprehensive flood control and navigation project for the Mississippi River Basin to protect people and property throughout the entire Mississippi River Valley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District that it supports passage of federal legislation providing Mississippi River municipalities and ports as well as local levee and drainage districts in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Mississippi River Commission the authority to streamline the burdensome regulatory and environmental processes to ensure federal dollars are spent directly on projects to protect people, property, and economic prosperity.

WHERE UPON the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:  
YEAS: Duane Lodrigue, Thomas Ackel, Gary Duhon, R. Scott Melancon, Joseph Cain, Tim Matthews, Sr., Ben Adams

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Deborah Garber

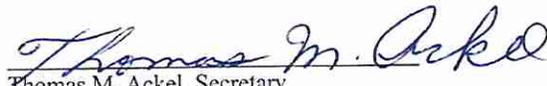
And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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**CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy adopted at a regular meeting of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, in which a quorum was present and voting, and that the Resolution adopted is still in effect and has not been rescinded or modified and that is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

  
Thomas M. Ackel, Secretary  
Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District