

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING COMPLETION OF
THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMPREHENSIVE
MANAGEMENT STUDY AND REQUESTING CONGRESS TO
HOLD A FIELD HEARING REGARDING BONNET CARRÉ
SPILLWAY IMPACTS ON THE MISSISSIPPI SOUND AND THE
PROPOSED NORTHERN GULF ESTUARY PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States adopted Section 213 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA) and amended it in 2022 to direct the Secretary of the Army and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a comprehensive study of the lower Mississippi River Basin to identify recommendations of action to be undertaken by the Secretary for the comprehensive management of the basin for the purposes of hurricane and storm damage reduction, flood risk management, structural and nonstructural flood control, floodplain management strategies, ecosystem and environmental restoration, water supply, “fish and wildlife habitat resources, including in the Mississippi Sound Estuary, the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, the Breton Sound, the Barataria Basin, the Atchafalaya Basin, the Vermilion-Teche Basin....mitigation of adverse impacts from operations of flood control structures to the Mississippi Sound Estuary...and other outlets of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project”, including all of Louisiana’s estuaries, the mitigation of adverse impacts from operations of flood control structures, and other purposes as determined by the secretary;

WHEREAS, in the 2022 WRDA, Congress authorized \$25,000,000 to fund the study with 100% federal funds, for completion of the study within five years thereafter, but in early 2025 the federal government suspended funding and paused the study;

WHEREAS, restoring funding and completing the study is essential to provide science-based data and recommendations for changes in federal law to improve best management practices for management of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project for long-term flood protection

and environmental protection in the public interests of all citizens of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and the nation;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Sound Coalition, composed of Mississippi Coast cities and counties, fisheries, seafood, and tourism businesses have requested the Congress to conduct a field hearing on the Mississippi Coast this year to consider local and state input about the Coalition's proposed Northern Gulf Estuary Protection Act and any other measures for improving the federal governments' management of the Mississippi River and water released from the River; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE [insert name of adopting entity] THAT:

Section 1. The [insert name of adopting entity] joins with the Mississippi Sound Coalition in respectfully recommending to our respective Congressional delegations and state government officials to please make their best efforts to restore funding and restart the Lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Management Study, consider introduction and debate on the Northern Gulf Estuary Protection Act, and hold a field hearing on the Mississippi Coast regarding impacts of the Bonnet Carré Spillway, other MR&T structures, and the quality of the River water on the estuaries of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Section 2. The [insert appropriate official] shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Army; the Chairman of the Mississippi River Commission; United States' Senators and Representatives, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Speaker of the House of [insert state of the adopting entity]; State Senators and Representatives representing [insert name of the adopting entity] Chairman of the Mississippi Sound Coalition; and members of the press.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from an after passage.

After being reduced to writing, the foregoing Resolution was read and considered, section by section, and then as a whole, whereupon Council Member Smith moved for its adoption, and after a second by Council Member Holmes, the following roll call vote was had:

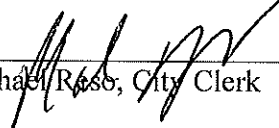
Council Member Jordan Bradford	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Nancy Moynan	<u>YEA/NAY</u> Absent +
Council Member Phalba Holmes	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Kyle Lewis	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Linda Kay Davis	<u>YEA/NAY</u>
Council Member Josh DeSalvo	<u>YEA/NAY</u> Absent +
Council Member Larry Smith	<u>YEA/NAY</u>

Passed by the City Council of the City of Bay Saint Louis on the 21 day of October 2025.

CERTIFICATION

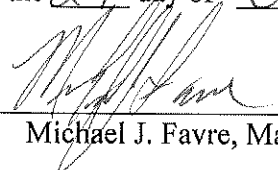
I, Michael Reso, City Clerk for the City of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted in the public meeting of the City Council held on October 21, 2025, a quorum being present, in the City Council Conference Chambers and to be recorded in the Minute Books, said Council being the duly elected, qualified, and acting governing body of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi.

Presented by me to the Mayor on this, the 29 day of October 2025.



Michael Reso, City Clerk

Approved/Disapproved, and signed by me on this, the 29 day of October 2025.



Michael J. Favre, Mayor