

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-6774

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. ARIEY

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PARISH PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNEMENT TO JOIN THE FEMA LAWSUIT CHALLENGING RISK RATING 2.0 TO BE FILED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), “is updating the National Flood Insurance Program’s (NFIP) risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology,” titled “Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action “<sup>i</sup>;

WHEREAS, FEMA states that Risk Rating 2.0’s “methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property’s flood risk”<sup>ii</sup>;

WHEREAS, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, members of both the Louisiana Legislature and the U.S. Congress, members of state government, numerous Parish Presidents and their Councils, and many other entities in Louisiana and around the nation have grave concerns about the soundness of Risk Rating 2.0’s underlying methodology, its failure to properly take into account any of the numerous improvements Louisiana’s Levee Boards have made to flood protection systems, and its catastrophic effect on Louisiana’s flood insurance rates and ability of Louisiana’s homeowners to purchase flood insurance;

WHEREAS, many of those entities have repeatedly raised their concerns to FEMA, have asked FEMA for documentation showing FEMA’s underlying methodology, and have been passed from one federal office to the next without receiving any meaningful answers to their questions or documents showing FEMA’s underlying methodology;

WHEREAS, FEMA has denied and continues to deny the efforts of those who are trying to protect their interests, the interests of their members, the interests of many Louisiana industries, and the interest of Louisiana citizens, making what is supposed to be “Equity in Action” an inequitable program across the entire State of Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Government joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge the Risk Rating 2.0.

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating>

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THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2023, AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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JACOB "JAKE" A. AIREY, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL