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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Ms. Callais, seconded by Mr. McCloskey, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2300-05-23

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT SHALL JOIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF LOUISIANA IN LITIGATION AGAINST FEMA TO CHALLENGE RISK RATING 2.0.

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"; and,

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"; and,

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Parish Government, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, members of both the Louisiana legislature and the federal legislature, members of state government, numerous Parish Presidents and 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 the flood protection systems, and its catastrophic effect on Louisiana's flood insurance rates and the ability of Louisiana's homeowners to purchase flood insurance; and,

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; and,



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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 interests of Louisiana citizens, including those in St. Bernard Parish, in 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. Bernard Parish Government joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: McCloskey, Moran, Luna, Alcon, Everhardt, Callais

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Council Chair, Mr. Lewis, cast his vote as YEA.

And the motion was declared adopted on the 2nd day of May, 2023.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 2nd day of May, 2023.


ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL