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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, AUGUST 1, 2023 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #2316-08-23

A RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO IMPLEMENT THE EXISTING MEASURES TO LIMIT THE OVERALL VOLUME OF IMPORTED SHRIMP IN AMERICA IN ORDER TO INSURE THE SURVIVAL OF OUR DOMESTIC WILD CAUGHT SHRIMP HARVESTERS AND AMERICA'S ACCESS TO WILD HARVESTED SHRIMP FROM DOMESTIC WATERS; AND URGING THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, WHEN CONSIDERING IMPORTS TO INCLUDE ALL FORMS OF SHRIMP FROM ALL COUNTRIES; AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the influx of imported shrimp into America has resulted in the catastrophic collapse of the domestic shrimp industry; and,

WHEREAS, many boat owners/operators have been docked thereby creating significant challenges to our local economy and the countless individuals who rely on this sector; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Gulf of Mexico has historically been a thriving hub for shrimp production, with rich waters and a favorable climate creating optimal conditions for shrimp stocks and harvest; and,

WHEREAS, imported shrimp now dominates cold storage, distribution hubs and the American market at a level that voids the margin of the market the domestic harvesters are able to fulfill; and,

WHEREAS, if action is not taken, not only will small family fishing business owners go under but, also businesses with which we conduct commerce with will go under. Furthermore, working waterfront and land based fishery infrastructure will be lost, thereby losing access to this wild caught food source; and



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WHEREAS, the consequences of the inundation of imported shrimp into our markets has caused immense disruption and economic instability for our local shrimp producers, including risk of closure or already being shut down. The loss also extends to the loss of livelihoods and the socio- economic well-being of the communities reliant of this industry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the governing authority, urges the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative to implement the existing measures to limit the overall volume of imported shrimp in America in order to insure the survival of our domestic wild caught shrimp harvesters and America's access to wild harvested shrimp from domestic waters; and urging the Commissioners of the International Trade Commission, when considering imports, to include all forms of shrimp from all countries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to all of the following:

- All Commissioners of the International Trade Commission
- The U.S. Secretary of Commerce, The Honorable Gina Raimondo
- The U.S. Trade Representative, The Honorable Katherine Tai
- U.S. Senator John Kennedy
- U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy
- U.S. Representative Steve Scalise
- Governor John Bel Edwards
- Representative Ray Garofalo, Senator Sharon Hewitt, and Senator Joseph Bouie Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and that Parish officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the Plaquemines Parish Council.



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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 1st day of August, 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, August 1, 2023.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 1st day of August, 2023.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL