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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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #2333-10-23

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CLOSE, IF POSSIBLE, ANY AND ALL CREVASSES UP RIVERS FROM THE VENICE JUMP; AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, low levels in the Mississippi River, due to drought conditions, have allowed saltwater levels to intrude upriver creating a devastating impact on drinking water to communities, public health and the economy along the lower end of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, weather and drought conditions in the future are predicted to continue; and

WHEREAS, over a third of the Mississippi River is being diverted through open crevasses along the Mississippi River above the saltwater wedge. Mardi Gras Pass alone has increased in width from an average of 78.8 feet to 263 feet over the last ten years. Mardi Gras pass and similar breaches are causing a net loss of Mississippi River flow, thus decreasing the river's ability to prevent saltwater intrusion upstream; and

WHEREAS, the parish respectfully requests that the USACE, under the presidential emergency order issued, immediately provide funding and other assistance for the purpose of closing Mardi Gras Pass in accordance with Coastal Use Permit #P20170-122 submitted by Plaquemines Parish Government. Additionally, the parish requests that CPRA suspend all Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion operations for the duration of the saltwater intrusion event.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the Governing Authority, does hereby urge the United States Army Corps of Engineers to close, if possible, any and all crevasses up rivers from the Venice Jump.



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

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 18th day of October, 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 Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 18th day of October, 2023.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL