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RESOLUTION

Overview: A resolution by the Restore Louisiana Task Force regarding the CDBG-DR allocation for

mitigation activities under Public Law 115-123.

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2016, Governor John Bel Edwards established by

Executive Order Number JBE 2016-65, the Restore Louisiana Task Force, directing

the members of the Task Force to establish both short and long-term priorities in

developing plans for recovery and redevelopment from the effects of the flooding

disasters of March and August 2016; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2018, President Trump signed Public Law 115-123

which included an appropriation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development of \$28 billion, of which at least \$12 billion would be allocated

among CDBG-DR grantees for the specific purpose of mitigation activities; and

WHEREAS, from the mitigation activity appropriation, HUD has allocated CDBG-

DR funds to the State of Louisiana in the amount of \$1,213,917,000; and

WHEREAS, the March and August 2016 flooding disasters, in addition to the

devastation they have caused, have once again highlighted the need for the State

of Louisiana to approach flood control from a proactive mitigation standpoint,

separate and distinct from recovery from those floods; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the recent mitigation allocation, under the guidance

of the Governor the state agencies whose various missions include the specialized

knowledge and skill of the elements involved in the analysis, design and

implementation of CDBG-DR funded statewide water-shed based floodplain

management (referred to for the purposes of this resolution as the Louisiana

Watershed Coordinated Agencies (LWCA)) and other mitigation activities have

initiated the creation of the Louisiana Watershed-Based Floodplain Management

Program. The LWCA comprises the following agencies and offices: the Office of

Community Development, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the

Department of Transportation and Development, the Governor's Office of

Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries; and

