



## RESOLUTION

**Overview:** A resolution by the Restore Louisiana Task Force recommending to Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards that he instruct the Office of Community Development to prepare and submit an Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development outlining a Homeowner Assistance Program budgeting \$405,800,000 of the \$437.8 million in Disaster Community Development Block Grant funds appropriated by Congress, and also meeting all federal requirements under the Federal Register Notice associated with the funds.

**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;

**WHEREAS**, these priorities and plans shall focus on the following areas: housing and redevelopment; economic and workforce development; education; infrastructure and transportation; healthcare; fiscal stability; family services; and agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2016, President Obama signed into law a Continuing Resolution directing \$500 million to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for recovery from disasters in 2016;

**WHEREAS**, HUD allocated \$437.8 million of that \$500 million to the State of Louisiana as a result of the catastrophic and destructive floods that impacted the state in both March and August 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE, THAT:

**Section 1:** The Restore Louisiana Task Force recommends to the Governor that the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development outline in its Initial Action Plan and, upon approval by HUD, implement the following homeowner recovery program options:

I. Restore Louisiana Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program: Program-Contracted: in which homeowners can apply for assistance in rebuilding their home and the state contracts for the full repair process on behalf of the homeowners.

II. Restore Louisiana Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program: Homeowner-Contracted: in which homeowners choose to manage their own rehabilitation or

reconstruction process, selecting their own homebuilding contractor(s) and entering into contracts directly with homebuilding contractors to rebuild.

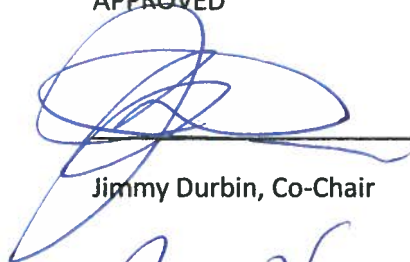
III. Restore Louisiana Reimbursement Program: in which the homeowner having fully or partially completed construction on their home before applying to the program may be eligible for reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to application and within one year of the storm event.

**Section 2:** Due to limited funding in the initial Congressional appropriation, the Restore Louisiana Task Force recommends to the Governor that from the initial appropriation \$405,800,000 (inclusive of administration and program delivery expenses) be budgeted for the above Homeowner Programs, and to prioritize impacted citizens meeting each of the following criteria, with the ability to expand the criteria if funds are still available once the needs of this population are determined:

- The impacted home experienced Major/Severe Damages;
- The applicant household meets federal Low- to Moderate-Income requirements;
- The home is located outside the Special Flood Hazard Area (Floodplain);
- The household did not have NFIP (Flood Insurance) at the time of the flood; and
- Elderly (age 62 on the date of the storm) OR Persons with Disabilities.

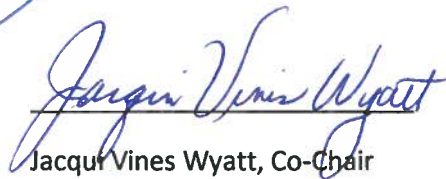
PASSED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

APPROVED



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Jimmy Durbin, Co-Chair



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