

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

Public Rural Hospital Resolution

August 10, 2006

Summary: To designate damage to public rural hospitals as a criterion for funding under the Local Government Infrastructure Program

WHEREAS, South Cameron Memorial Hospital was the only full service hospital in Cameron Parish and was destroyed by Hurricane Rita;

WHEREAS, the return of hospital services is critical to support the return of residents, business, and education to any parish devastated by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita;

WHEREAS, the return of hospital services will likely not occur without non-FEMA resources;

WHEREAS, CDBG Disaster Recovery Action Plan Amendment 2 gives the LRA authority to designate criteria for the Office of Community Development to use in allocating CDBG funds within the Local Government Infrastructure Program to cover infrastructure costs that are ineligible for FEMA Public Assistance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the LRA approves public rural hospitals that sustained damages as a result of Hurricanes Katrina or Rita as an addition to eligibility criteria for Local Government Infrastructure projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, should South Cameron Memorial Hospital be approved by the Office of Community Development for funding of FEMA ineligible repair costs under the Local Government Infrastructure Program, the funding will be contingent upon favorable passage of proposed maintenance taxes designed to support sustainable hospital operations on the September 30, 2006 Cameron Parish ballot.