

# **LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

## **Levee board Consolidation General Resolution**

**January 13, 2006**

**Overview:** Resolution to call for consolidation of levee boards in coastal areas where hurricane protection is an important aspect of levee management.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As Louisiana recovers and starts to rebuild in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, it is imperative that people and businesses in the entire coastal area of Louisiana be able to act with confidence as they determine their rebuilding plans. This confidence can only come with confidence in the system that protects coastal Louisiana from hurricane storm surge and flooding.

The state has already taken the step of creating levee board oversight within the authority of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. While this will contribute greatly to improved planning, management and maintenance of levee systems in the state, it is important to take the additional step of consolidating levee boards. This action will remove politics from the levee planning and management process and further ensure the safety of the people who depend on levees for protection. Further, it will serve to include people of all parishes in the region, treating them equally.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Louisiana Recovery Authority does hereby recommend that the call for the upcoming special legislative session include levee board consolidation as a topic for legislative initiative.*