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#13

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 TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

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

RESOLUTION SBPC #1203-08-14

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED HOUMA NATION'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

WHEREAS, the Houma Nation's earliest contact with the Europeans occurred in 1699 when the Tribe was visited by Pierre Lemoyne, sieur d'Iberville near the present site of Baton Rouge; and,

WHEREAS, the Houma Nation was drawn into the colonial struggles between France, Spain, and England, resulting in a gradual dislocation of the tribe from its traditional homeland; and,

WHEREAS, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory in 1803 and promised all Indian tribes inhabiting the newly acquired territory that their land ownership and possession would be protected and honored as such ownership was protected and honored by the former sovereigns of Spain and France; and,

WHEREAS, the United States' promises were not fulfilled and in order to protect themselves from threats presented by non-Indian peoples, the Houma Nation sought refuge and safety in the remote wetlands and bayous of southern Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Houma Nation tribal members were denied a public education until the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 due to their status as "Indians;" and,

WHEREAS, the United Houma Nation was recognized by the State of Louisiana in 1977 by House Concurrent Resolution No. 97 of the 1977 Regular Session of the Legislature and that recognition was reaffirmed by the State of Louisiana in 1990 with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 124 of the 1990 Regular Session of the Legislature; and,



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WHEREAS, the United Houma Nation has been in the Department of the Interior's Federal Acknowledgment Process since 1979 and its petition is still not resolved; and,

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WHEREAS, the United Houma Nation has been severely impacted by coastal erosion, the BP oil spill, tropical storms, and destructive hurricanes such as Katrina, Rita, Ike, Gustav, Juan, Andrew, Lili, Matthew and Isaac during the time it has spent in the Federal Acknowledgment Process; and,

Nathan Gorbaty
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WHEREAS, the United Houma Nation's lack of federal acknowledgment is the barrier preventing the Tribe from receiving the necessary resources from the federal government during these times of disaster to preserve and make whole the Houma tribal communities most significantly impacted; and,

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WHEREAS, these repetitive natural and man-made disasters coupled with a lack of federal recognition have proven to be detrimental to the United Houma Nation communities and culture.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, endorses and supports the United Houma Nation's recognition as a sovereign tribal nation; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council supports the United Houma Nation receiving federal recognition through the Department of the Interior's federal acknowledgment process and/or any act of legislation by the Congress of the United States.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Lauga, Gorbaty, Lewis, Hunnicutt, Montelongo, Cavignac

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The Council Chair, Mr. McInnis, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 5th day of August, 2014.



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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 Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
the 5th day of August, 2014.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL