

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF IBERVILLE

RESOLUTION IPC# 2022- \_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
EAST GRAND LAKE PROJECT IN THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman \_\_\_\_ and seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya River Basin contains the largest remaining wetland forest in North America, and irreplaceable natural treasures; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin's cypress-tupelo swamps are the most productive wetlands in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands are the number one producers of crawfish in the entire world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands are about the most important wetlands for migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere and will become the most important as sea level rises and our delta disappears; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands can feed more aquatic birds per acre than any other wetland in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is critical to Louisiana's culture as the last bastion of the Cajun culture; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is designed as a spillway protecting communities from flooding all the way to Lafayette to the west, Morgan City to the south, from Baton Rouge to New Orleans to the east; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin protects our entire industrial corridor, including over 150 industrial plants between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and the largest port in the western hemisphere, the Port of South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, communities from Bayou Sorrel and Bayou Pigeon to Morgan City on the east and many communities on the west side will have no future if we keep filling the Basin's wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Basin's flood capacity is critical to protect much of south-central Louisiana from flooding; and

WHEREAS, the loss of flood capacity is already responsible for a record flood in 2021 that created great misery to communities from Bayou Pigeon and Bayou Sorrel to Morgan City; and

WHEREAS, similar projects, the Buffalo Cove Project and the Beau Bayou Project, have filled huge amount irreplaceable of wetlands to the detriment of all; and

WHEREAS, the East Grand Lake Project will fill huge amount of wetlands with sand and silt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the New Orleans District of the Corps of Engineers so that they will be made aware of our position on this matter.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 by the following vote on roll call:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW H. JEWELL, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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MACY WILLIAMSON, CLERK