

1 Introduced August 13, 2013, by
2 Councilman Caruso, seconded by Council
3 Members Cusimano, Harbison, Hicks,
4 Abney, Lloyd, Fraught, Newcomb, Borchert

5 **RESOLUTION R13-17**

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7 A resolution in opposition to the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012.

8 WHEREAS, the Biggert-Waters Act of July 16, 2012, if left unamended by
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10 Congress, will result in enormous ruinous increases in annual premiums to buy flood
11 insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program; and
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13 WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program was designed specifically
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15 to provide affordable flood insurance to both homeowners and business owners; and

16 WHEREAS, both homeowners and business owners have responsibly
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18 protected their properties by buying flood insurance as recommended by the Federal
19 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the NFIP; and
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21 WHEREAS, very few, if any, homeowners or business owners will be able to
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23 afford the new premiums provided for by the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012; and

24 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of homes and businesses from the Statue of
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26 Liberty to Jackson Square and beyond will be abandoned by their owners who will form a
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28 new migration, a new Trail of Tears, into the interior of our country; and

29 WHEREAS, this twenty-first (21st) century migration will ruin millions upon
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31 millions of individual lives, evacuate our coast lines, and destroy the economy of at least
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33 the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

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4 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council in legal
5 session convened that we do hereby implore the Congress and President of the United
6 States to:
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- 9 1). Immediately stop the implementation of the Biggert-Waters Act, 2012.
 - 10 2). Pending rational reform, continue to provide flood insurance to both
11 homeowners and business owners through the National Flood Insurance
12 Program under the conditions currently (August 2013) prevailing, and to
13 immediately fund and implement new, accurate flood maps for the entire
14 United States by 2016.
 - 15 3). Immediately begin working on a true National Catastrophe Insurance
16 Program which would provide insurance at affordable rates to all
17 Americans for protection against all forms of natural disasters known to
18 occur in the United States such as, but not limited to, hurricanes,
19 tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, forest fires, mud slides, and
20 drought.

21 OR

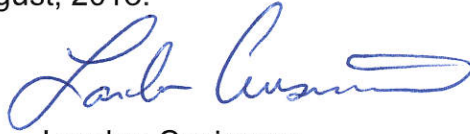
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- 23 4). Absent action as indicated above, begin to immediately pay all affected
24 homeowners and business owners the full value of their homes and
25 businesses as determined by a professional appraisal process done
26 prior to the implementation of the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012 and to pay
27 them the full cost of their migration to the interior of the country.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge all of our citizens to contact the
29 members of our Congressional delegation to ask them to support the ideas of this
30 resolution.
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32 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we hereby thank the members of our
33 Congressional delegation for their work done so far attempting to solve this problem.
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4 **ADOPTED** this 13th day of August, 2013.

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7 Landon Cusimano
8 Vice President of the Council
9 Councilman-at-Large

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12 Thomas P. Reeves
13 Council Administrator

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15 CONCUR: 

16 Freddy Drennan
17 Mayor of Slidell
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