Introduced August 23, 2016, by Councilman Newcomb, seconded by Councilman Abney, (by request of Administration)

## **RESOLUTION R16-21**

A resolution in support of a Flood Prevention Outreach Program for Public Information.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has a program called the Community Rating System (CRS) that rewards local governments for exceeding the minimum requirements of the National Flood Program by providing a discount on every residential, commercial, and governmental flood insurance policy in the community.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is currently a CRS Class 7, which equates to a 15% discount on all insurance policies issued within the community. As a result, during 2015 the City, its residents, and business owners paid \$6,602,714 instead of \$7,593,121 in flood insurance premiums, a savings of \$990,407.

WHEREAS, flood prevention outreach is one of the categories that earns the most points when the Federal Government calculates a community's CRS level.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government created a Program for Public Information that provides additional CRS points if neighboring communities conduct flood prevention outreach together.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell is a member along with Tangipahoa, St. Tammany, St. John the Baptist, Terrebonne, and Orleans parishes and the cities of Houma and Mandeville of the Flood Loss Outreach & Awareness Taskforce (FLOAT), which is a federal government acknowledged CRS Users Group.

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WHEREAS, FLOAT, with the assistance of the University of New Orleans' Center for Hazards, Assessment, Response, and Technology (CHART), developed the Program for Public Information provided as attachment A

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Slidell City Council does adopt the

Flood Loss Outreach and Awareness (FLOAT)

Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana Area CRS Users Group

2016 Floodplain and Stormwater Management Program For Public Information (PPI)

so as to better inform our residents and business owners regarding their threat from flooding and how they can prevent it and to earn additional CRS points to assist in maintaining or improving the Community's flood insurance premium discount.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 2016.

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