

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-28**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE "IKE DIKE" CONCEPT BEING PROPOSED BY TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-GALVESTON'S DR. BILL MERRELL AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE MEANS OF PROTECTING LA PORTE AND THE ENTIRE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION FROM STORM SURGE AND SUB-TROPICAL RAIN EVENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON, THE GULF COAST COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND RECOVERY DISTRICT, AS WELL AS THOSE STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS THAT REPRESENT THE LA PORTE AREA.

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Porte Texas is a coastal community with 3.1 miles of frontage on Galveston Bay and a significant population of residents and businesses that can be affected by a storm surge and sub-tropical rain events, and

**WHEREAS**, storm surge entering Galveston Bay as a result of a hurricane or other significant storm event tends to increase in height as it moves further up into the Bay and endangers human life, destroys property, and damages sensitive ecosystems, and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive flood gate and barrier system along the Gulf Coast, including San Luis Pass, Bolivar Peninsula and the mouth of the Houston, Galveston and Texas City ship channels would provide the necessary protection for the Houston-Galveston region and in particular, areas surrounding Galveston Bay, and

**WHEREAS**, the "Ike Dike" project looks to existing technology created and effectively used in the Netherlands, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Texas Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal reviewed the "Ike Dike" proposal and recommended a six-county public corporation known as the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District be established to explore viable options for storm surge protection of the Houston-Galveston region, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of constructing the "Ike Dike" project would be a mere fraction of the cost of structural damage, lost productivity and environmental clean-up, otherwise incurred without the project after a major hurricane, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of La Porte desires to support the "Ike Dike" project in order to advance the need for a coastal barrier system to protect La Porte and the entire Houston-Galveston region.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE TEXAS THAT:**

**Section 1.** City Council finds that the recitals set out in the preamble above are true and correct.

**Section 2.** City Council hereby wholeheartedly supports and endorses efforts by Dr. Bill Merrell of the Texas A & M University at Galveston and others, to create the "Ike Dike" project for a coastal barrier protecting the entire Houston-Galveston region, including communities fronting Galveston Bay, from hurricane storm surges, and encourages the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District to locate the necessary resources to facilitate construction of the "Ike Dike" project.

**Section 3.** City Council hereby directs the City Secretary to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Rear Admiral Robert Smith III, USN, President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A & M University at Galveston; Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recovery District Chairman, Mark Henry; the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership as well as those state and federal legislators that represent the La Porte area.

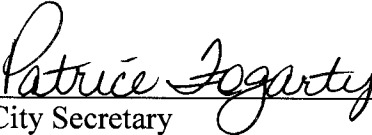
**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective from and after its adoption.

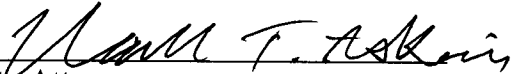
PASSED AND APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.

**CITY OF LA PORTE, TEXAS**

  
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Mayor Louis R. Rigby

Attest:

  
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City Secretary

  
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City Attorney