

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-002**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE SUPPORTING THE “IKE DIKE PROJECT”, A COASTAL BARRIER PROJECT TO PROTECT THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION, INCLUDING GALVESTON BAY, FROM HURRICANE STORM SURGES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK 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, AND TO JUDGE MARK HENRY, CHAIR OF TEXAS GOVERNOR’S COMMISSION ON RECOVERY AND RENEWAL; TO PHIL BEDIENT, RICE UNIVERSITY; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Marque is a community on Interstate Highway 45, State Highway 3, and Farm roads 519, 1765, and 2004, some twelve miles northwest of Galveston in northwestern Galveston County; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2008 Hurricane Ike caused devastation and destruction across the Houston-Galveston region with massive flooding from storm surge waters, with Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula being a few of the hardest hit areas; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a comprehensive system of barriers and gates along the Gulf Coast would protect the economy, the environment, and more importantly, the people in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Houston-Galveston region is home to a concentration of petrochemical plants along the Houston Ship Channel and the Port of Houston one of the nation’s busiest ports; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Bill Morrell of Texas A & M University at Galveston has conceived the “Ike Dike Project” which is a proposal to create a “coastal spine” with a combination of barriers and gates extending along Galveston Island and the Bolivar Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, flood gates at Bolivar Roads, the entrance to the Houston, Texas City, and Galveston ship channels, and at the San Luis Pass would provide necessary barriers to protect these vulnerable areas against Gulf surges into Galveston Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Marque requests that Rice University and Texas A & M University combine their projects for the greater good of all in the Gulf Coast Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the Texas Governor’s Commission on Recovery and Renewal reviewed the Ike Dike Project and recommended that a six County public corporation be established to explore viable options for storm surge protection of the Houston-Galveston region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Protecting and Recovery District formed by Governor Rick Perry is positioned to evolve the barrier protection concept through a 4 million dollar grant; and

**WHEREAS**, a system of barrier protection projects will reduce the risks to people and business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of La Marque desires to support refining the "Ike Dike" concept in order to advance the feasibility for a coastal barrier to protect the Houston- Galveston region from hurricane storm surge; and

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

**SECTION 1:** The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**SECTION 2:** The City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas hereby wholeheartedly supports and endorses efforts made by Professor Bill Merrell of Texas A & M University at Galveston and the Texas Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal to refine to project grade, a coastal barrier to be completed for protection of the Houston-Galveston region from hurricane storm surges including Galveston Bay.

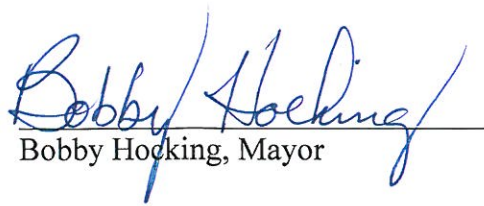
**SECTION 3:** The City Council of La Marque, Texas hereby pledges its support and encourages efforts to create a coastal barrier to protect flood prone coastal communities from hurricane storm surges.

**SECTION 4:** The City Council of La Marque, Texas hereby directs the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Rear Admiral Robert Smith III, USN, President, Chief Executive Officer of Texas A & M University at Galveston and to Judge Mark Henry, Chair of Texas Governor's Commission on Recovery and Renewal and to Phil Bedient, Rice University.

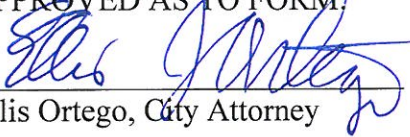
**SECTION 5:** The City Council of La Marque, Texas hereby directs the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Senate District 11 Senator Larry Taylor and Jerry Patterson, General Land Office urging legislation coordination for potential state funding.

**SECTION 6:** This Resolution shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City of La Marque, Texas, this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

  
Bobby Hocking, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Ellis Ortego, City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
Robin Eldridge, TRMC  
City Clerk