



RESOLUTION

The Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees unanimously approved on December 11, 2012 the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees is to position Galveston island among the top five tourist destinations in the State of Texas by accepting responsibility for Galveston's number one industry: Tourism. They are responsible for promoting Galveston Island, its diversity and natural resources, and are committed to sustaining a world-class organization through visionary leadership, empowerment of staff, human development and effective appropriation of resources; and

WHEREAS, tourism is an important economic activity for Galveston Island, and whereas the beaches form an integral part of the Island's tourism offering; and

WHEREAS, the City of Galveston, Texas, is a barrier island sitting along the southeast of Texas and bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay; and

WHEREAS, Professor William Merrell 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 the necessary barriers to protect these vulnerable areas against Gulf surges into Galveston Bay; and

WHEREAS, the "Ike Dike Project" looks to existing technologies created in the Netherlands and duplicated with the building of the Greater New Orleans Barrier that protects New Orleans from storm surges; 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 Ike Dike concept is technically feasible, economically sound, environmentally friendly and socially just;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees hereby endorse the concept of the Ike Dike and the efforts of Texas A & M University at Galveston to understand better, to define further, and to disseminate widely, information on the Ike Dike approach to surge suppression.

SIGNED this 21st day of December, 2012.

By:

DR. CRAIG K. BROWN
Chairman

Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees