

Adopted August 20, 2009

RESOLUTION

NO. R-09-404

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CITY HALL: August 6, 2009

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS FIELKOW AND CLARKSON

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans and the metropolitan area have a direct interest in successful restoration of Louisiana's coast; and

WHEREAS, a successful coastal restoration and protection effort requires a strong science component; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement through Science and Technology (CREST) Program was established in 2003 as a cooperative effort to supply the latest research and techniques in coastal restoration for state and local managers, officials, and policymakers; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program utilizes the exceptional concentration of coastal scientists and researchers found in Louisiana and provides training for the next generation of scientists by supporting graduate and post-graduate students; and

WHEREAS, 11 universities in Louisiana, including four in New Orleans – Loyola University of New Orleans, Southern University of New Orleans, Tulane University, and the University of New Orleans – and the University of Southern Mississippi have joined CREST as Member Universities; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program has been funded as an annual add-on to the budget of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), thus financial support for it is extremely vulnerable; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that the Council expresses its support for the CREST Program and urges the state's Congressional Delegation to work with their colleagues in the U.S. Congress and with NOAA to ensure continued funding of this important program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Council shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.