

**Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal
Protection, Restoration and Conservation
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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Commission Resolution in Support of CREST Program

WHEREAS, the Coastal Restoration and Enhancement Through Science and Technology (CREST) Program has worked since 2003 as a collaborative and independent research program; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program joins together the following institutions - Louisiana State University, LSU Agriculture Center, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Loyola University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Southern University at New Orleans, Southeastern Louisiana University, Tulane University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of New Orleans, and the University of Southern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program works to fund innovative projects that help the development of practices and technologies that coastal managers and policymakers need to address the trends of coastal land loss and hurricane vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program has funded projects involving key coastal habitats and restoration techniques across the entire coastal region of Louisiana, thereby helping to build the body of science that will aid implementation of the state's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast over the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program has worked collaboratively with bodies such as the Louisiana Applied Coastal Engineering and Science Program (LACES), Louisiana Sea Grant, and the LCA Science Board, as well as state, federal, and local agencies, and stakeholder groups; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program also seeks to support and sustain the

exceptional concentration of coastal scientists in Louisiana, and to help train the next generation of coastal researchers and scientists by supporting graduate, doctoral, and post-doctoral students; and

WHEREAS, the CREST Program has been funded since its inception as an annual addition to the budget of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and requires Louisiana's Congressional delegation to perform this action;

THEREFORE, the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation hereby expresses its support to Louisiana's Congressional Delegation and NOAA for continued funding of the CREST Program and its work.