

EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE TRAILER OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

On motion of Mr. Madary, seconded by Mr. Henderson, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SBPC #K130-07-06
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER OF ST. BERNARD**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina struck St. Bernard Parish on Monday, August 29, 2005. Residents of St. Bernard Parish are undertaking one of the most daunting disaster recovery efforts this nation has even seen, as this community continues the process of rebuilding, most of the services that sustained it through the emergency response phase are pulling out. The inevitable vacuum of services this creates is overwhelming and demoralizing; and

WHEREAS, indicative of a strong civic tradition pre-Katrina St. Bernard Parish supported hundreds of non-profit organizations. This long list includes Rotary, FFA, Los Islenos Cultural Museum, Disabled Veterans, Kiwanis, Good Samaritans, VFW, Lions Club, Council On Aging / Meals on Wheels, athletic organizations, arts and music organizations, scouting organizations, environmental organizations, health organizations, hobbyist, social clubs, etc. Every single one was flooded, crushed, slicked by oil and/or washed away. To date only a few have been able to start up again; and

WHEREAS, Isolation is one of the most damaging effects of Katrina. Socialization is key to the rebuilding of St. Bernard Parish as residents work to regain normalcy in their lives. Residents need a safe and inclusive space to come together and network / reconnect. They need community space, including free phone and Internet Access as they rebuild their lives, neighborhood and businesses; and

WHEREAS, at this time 1,500 residents of St. Bernard Parish have signed on to a statement of support for the Community Center of St. Bernard, expressing a collective desire for a permanent community center in their parish.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Parish Council, the governing authority does hereby extend their support to the Community Center of St. Bernard as the center supports and enables residents in their great time of need.