



ST. TAMMANY LEVEE, DRAINAGE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Resolution to support the Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems (RISEE) Act, which would establish several dedicated streams of funding for coastal infrastructure and resiliency in order to protect vulnerable communities and businesses most impacted by sea level rise and coastal erosion.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District (STLDCD), is a political subdivision of the state and has the primary duty to "... establish, construct, operate, or maintain flood control works related to hurricane protection, tidewater flooding, saltwater intrusion, and conservation.";

WHEREAS, STLDCD participated in the Sharing Offshore Revenues from Energy Sources (SHORES) fly-in to Washington DC in the past two years;

WHEREAS, if enacted, the RISEE Act would establish an offshore wind revenue sharing model, allowing state funds to support coastal restoration, hurricane protection, or infrastructure improvements; mitigate damage to fish, wildlife, and other natural resources;

WHEREAS, if enacted, the RISEE Act would dedicate funding to the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund providing grants to coastal and Great Lake communities to respond to coastal erosion and sea level rise, restore coastal habitat, and make improvements to coastal infrastructure;

WHEREAS, if enacted, the RISEE Act would reform the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA), allowing for more equitable resource sharing between the states and federal conservation programs; and,

WHEREAS, if enacted, the RISEE Act would eliminate an administrative fee under the Mineral Leasing Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District supports the RISEE Act co-authored by Senator Bill Cassidy and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, and ask that STLDCD is added to the list of those endorsing the Act.

Suzanne Mayfield Krieger
Chair