

# **LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

## **Resolution Endorsing the Creation of the LRA in Statute**

**January 13, 2006**

**Overview:** Supports the creation of the Louisiana Recovery Authority in statute at a time as felt appropriate by the Governor

### **Executive Summary**

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and their aftermath have caused unprecedented devastation and damage to the communities of south Louisiana, including its people, economy and employment, infrastructure, natural resources and critical institutions. Executive Order No. KBB 2005-63, creating the Louisiana Recovery Authority, was signed by Governor Blanco to coordinate long-term planning for addressing any and all issues relative to the recovery. The life of the LRA is subject to come to an end before completion of the recovery advisory work for which the Governor has directed it to lead. Congressional authorization of the Supplemental Community Development Block Grant funding recommends its direction by an entity like the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation – the group which managed recovery CDBG funding after the 9\11 terrorist attacks, and after which the LRA was modeled. Since experts project that it will take many years to fully recover from such devastation, it is imperative that we give the LRA, through the legislative process, longevity, continuity and authority it needs to accomplish its charge.

### **Recommendation**

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the LRA Board hereby endorses the action to create the Louisiana Recovery Authority by statute to give it the full authority it needs to accomplish its charge. This should be done only at a time as the Governor deems appropriate for the success of the recovery.