STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF IBERVILLE

RESOLUTION IPC# 2022-____

RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO THE
EAST GRAND LAKE PROJECT IN THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman ___ and seconded by
Councilman ____.

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya River Basin contains the largest remaining wetland forest
in North America, and irreplaceable natural treasures; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin’s cypress-tupelo swamps are the most productive
wetlands in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands are the number one producers of crawfish in
the entire world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands are about the most important wetlands for
migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere and will become the most important as sea level rises
and our delta disappears; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin wetlands can feed more aquatic birds per acre than
any other wetland in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is critical to Louisiana’s culture as the last bastion of
the Cajun culture; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is designed as a spillway protecting communities
from flooding all the way to Lafayette to the west, Morgan City to the south, from Baton Rouge
to New Orleans to the east; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin protects our entire industrial corridor, including over
150 industrial plants between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and the largest port in the western
hemisphere, the Port of South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, communities from Bayou Sorrel and Bayou Pigeon to Morgan City on the
east and many communities on the west side will have no future if we keep filling the Basin’s
wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Basin’s flood capacity is critical to protect much of south-central
Louisiana from flooding; and
WHEREAS, the loss of flood capacity is already responsible for a record flood in 2021 that created great misery to communities from Bayou Pigeon and Bayou Sorrel to Morgan City; and

WHEREAS, similar projects, the Buffalo Cove Project and the Beau Bayou Project, have filled huge amount irreplaceable of wetlands to the detriment of all; and

WHEREAS, the East Grand Lake Project will fill huge amount of wetlands with sand and silt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the New Orleans District of the Corps of Engineers so that they will be made aware of our position on this matter.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on the 20th day of December, 2022 by the following vote on roll call:

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20th day of December, 2022.

IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

BY: ____________________________

MATTHEW H. JEWELL, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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MACY WILLIAMSON, CLERK