

RESOLUTION

NO. R-08- 384

CITY HALL: July10, 2008

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS FIELKOW, CLARKSON, MIDURA, HEAD, CARTER, HEDGE-MORRELL AND WILLARD-LEWIS

WHEREAS, this year, cities and towns in the states of Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin have experienced severe flooding due to levee breaches and overtopping along the Mississippi River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, like New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many of the impacted communities in these states were inundated with standing water for long periods, causing damage to critical infrastructure, business and homes; and

WHEREAS, disasters of these magnitudes not only destroy buildings, but threaten the economy and cultures of entire communities; and the very existence of many towns and cities are at risk, and their citizens further traumatized by the psychological and mental impact of these disasters; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans has experience with these types of disasters and more importantly, with the daunting prospects of long term recovery which will be necessary if communities are to return to normalcy; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans is also well experienced in the painful and burdensome task of soliciting federal government acknowledgement of its responsibility for levee construction and maintenance as well as its corresponding obligation to make communities whole in the wake of flooding caused by levee failures; and

WHEREAS, as the principal providers of the nation's energy and food, respectively, the New Orleans area and the Midwest are of vital importance to the national economy and homeland security; and

WHEREAS, it may be mutually beneficial to form a coalition of disaster impacted Gulf Coast and Midwest communities to petition the federal government for the assistance required to rebuild our infrastructures and provide our families with resources needed to rebuild their homes and their lives; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWORLEANS that it hereby extends its most sincere best wishes to the families of flood impacted communities in the Midwest and extends an invitation to work together to not only restore our communities from the impacts of the most recent events, but to ensure our cities and towns are secure from similar future events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council also extends an invitation to local governments in Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin to work together with our respective Congressional delegations in the Midwest and Gulf Coast to assure appropriate funding for disaster assistance through the passage of a second emergency supplemental appropriations bill and in seeking reforms in the Stafford Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to The Executive Director of the National League of Cities, municipal associations and leagues in Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin, and to the cities of Des Moines, Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Iowa City, Iowa.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.