

**RESOLUTION
2002-R-18**

WHEREAS, agriculture is the leading industry and largest employer in Vermilion Parish; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a capital intensive industry and vulnerable to weather extremes; and

WHEREAS, farmers in Vermilion Parish and the State of Louisiana suffered economic disaster last year due to weather extremes, which was compounded by historic low commodity prices and no federal crop disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, farmers of Vermilion Parish and the State of Louisiana are again faced with economic disaster due to weather extremes and low commodity prices; and

WHEREAS, Vermilion Parish and the State of Louisiana have been declared a disaster due to drought, hurricanes and torrential rainfall; and

WHEREAS, many farmers and businesses will be unable to survive these trying economical times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury is requesting legislative assistance for agriculture through disaster aid relief by stating our support for Interior Appropriations Bill HR 5093 and Weather Disaster Assistance Bill SA 4481;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury is requesting the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the United States Congressional Delegations, State Legislatures, Police Jury Association of Louisiana and all Parish Governments of the State of Louisiana to join the farmers in their pursuit by lending their support in the passage of said legislation as expeditiously as possible before the end of 2002; and;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Murphy "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the State of Louisiana, United States Senator John Breaux, and Senator Mary Landrieu, United States Congressman Chris John, State Senator Fred Hoyt, State Representative Mickey Frith, and Representative Troy Hebert, and the Police Jury Association of Louisiana for their support of this endeavor.

I, Michael J. Bertrand, Secretary-Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of resolution adopted by the Vermilion Parish Police Jury on the 18th day of November of 2002 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

MICHAEL J. BERTRAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY