



Resolution in Support of The Coastal Spine

WHEREAS, The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is committed to the economic health and overall safety and security of the community and the region; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of the Houston Galveston region being struck by a major hurricane is imminent and would cause devastating damage and a loss of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston area is home to the largest and most important concentration of petroleum refining and petrochemical processing plants in the United States, the second busiest port in the nation and numerous other critical commercial operations that represent a cornerstone to our economy and our national security; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Coastal Spine or "Ike Dike" represents a tested storm surge suppression system that uses manmade sand dunes covering revetments along the Texas coast connecting to the existing Galveston Seawall and to large moveable flood gates to help prevent large scale storm surge damage; and

WHEREAS, the storm surge suppression system is being used successfully around the world in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, St. Petersburg, Russia, along the Thames River in London, England and in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Spine or "Ike Dike" is technically feasible, economically sound, environmentally friendly and widely supported by communities throughout the region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, fully supports and endorses the development of the "Ike Dike" which would provide comprehensive protection to industries, businesses, communities and associated infrastructure near Galveston Bay.

WITNESS our signatures as said Chairman of the Board and President of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce.



President

May 25, 2016



Chairman of the Board