

RESOLUTION NO. 2296

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL TRADES TRAINING INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLA-RPC) is established and operates as a public cooperative among local governments in Southwest Louisiana State Planning District 5; **AND**

WHEREAS, it is a purpose and a goal of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission for State Planning District 5 to engage member governments and identify their needs, wants and shovel ready projects; **AND**

WHEREAS, it is a purpose and a goal of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission for State Planning District 5 to facilitate implementation of local identified needs and wants; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted five major regional initiatives in 2020 to advance economic development and facilitate capacity building throughout Southwest Louisiana; **AND**

WHEREAS, the housing regional initiative has been slow to advance for lack of identifiable resources and personnel; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has earmarked \$30,000 in the current 2024-2025 budget year to help expedite several components of the regional housing initiative; **AND**

WHEREAS, the need for trained and certified local construction workforces in all specialized aspects of building including electrical, brick laying, painting, carpentry, plumbing, concrete, fortification and foundation; **AND**

WHEREAS, the SWLA-RPC staff have outreached to the professional construction associations throughout the region and established communication to organize and facilitate a new perception of trades training and applications for a new generation of local builders as a critical economic resource;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA TRADES TRAINING INITIATIVE.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED ON THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.



Mayor Marcus Ruffow, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Hollier, AICP
Executive Director