

On motion by Corey Perrillieux, seconded by Jerry LaFont, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-173

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE TO INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO IMPOSE A TEN CENT (\$0.10) PER POUND FEE ON ALL SEAFOOD IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES TO BE UTILIZED TO IMPROVE SEAFOOD SAFETY; AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE AND ADMINISTER ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, a 2017 study conducted by the U.S. Governmental Accountability Office found that only a limited number of inspections are performed on foreign seafood processors and farmers; and

WHEREAS, foreign seafood, especially those grown in aquaculture facilities, are often treated with large doses of antibiotics and other chemicals to treat diseases and enhance their growth; and

WHEREAS, the lack of inspections and testing can lead to unhealthy levels of chemicals and antibiotics in the seafood being consumed by Americans; and

WHEREAS, these practices place American Commercial Seafood Producers at a competitive disadvantage with foreign producers who are not held to the same standards; and

WHEREAS, the fees collected on imported seafood can be used to fund the hiring of additional inspectors to insure the safety of imported seafood consumed by Americans; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, Councilman, District 9; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Administration of Lafourche Parish Government that the Council does hereby approve a request to the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and Senate to introduce and support legislation to impose a ten cent (\$0.10) per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve seafood safety; and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on June 26, 2018, and hereby approves a request to the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and Senate to introduce and support legislation to impose a ten cent (\$0.10) per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve seafood safety; and authorizes the Parish President to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to: Members of the Louisiana Delegation of the House of Representatives; Lafourche Parish Government: Office of the Parish Administrator.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Jerry Jones
Mrs. Luci Sposito
Mr. Aaron "Bo" Melvin
Mr. Corey Perrillioux
Mr. Armand "Noonie" Autin
Mr. Jerry LaFont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Michael T. Gros
Mr. James H. Bourgeois
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

And the resolution was declared adopted this 26th day of June, 2018.

**LUCI SPOSITO, CHAIRWOMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

* * * * *

I, CARLEEN B. BABIN, Council Clerk for the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 18-173, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on June 26, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2018.

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**