

RESOLUTION NO. 10-095

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR THE PORT ARTHUR EMERGENCY RELIEF LOAN PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL CREDIT CHALLENGED BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTER TO THE CITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND (THE GROW PORT ARTHUR FUND)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation (the "PAEDC") Board of Directors desire to transfer the unutilized funds set aside for its Port Arthur Emergency Relief Loan Program (the "Program") to assist small credit challenged businesses affected by Hurricane IKE, to the City of Port Arthur Revolving Loan Funds (the Grow Port Arthur Fund) administered with the assistance of the National Development Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Port Arthur at its regular meeting of July 28, 2009 tabled this item to allow more time for businesses to take advantage of the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the PAEDC Board of Directors desire to continue its investment fund for small business financing through the Grow America Fund (GAF) – Grow Port Arthur Fund (GPAF) to achieve their goals; and

**WHEREAS**, GAF is recognized and certified by the U.S. Treasury Department as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and Community Development Entity (CDE) as a domestic corporation having a primary mission of serving or providing investment capital for low income communities or low income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, GAF, a U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA") licensed and regulated Small Business Lending Company (SBLC) entitled to make SBA guaranteed loans to eligible small businesses in the nation's only SBLC devoted solely to economic and community development financing; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Development Council, a national 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation engaged in economic and community development, GAF its wholly owned subsidiary, and the PAEDC, intend to continue its Agreement to create a self-sustaining community investment fund for small business financing in the Port Arthur geography of operation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct

**Section 2.** That the City Council authorizes the transfer of the unutilized funds set aside for the Port Arthur Emergency Relief Loan Program to the City Revolving Loan Fund administered by PAEDC through the Grow Port Arthur Fund.

**Section 3.** That a copy of the caption of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

**READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2010, at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, by the following vote: AYES:

Mayor Purice;

Councilmembers Mayor Pro Tem Segler;

Chatman, Albright, Flood, Beard

Williamson and Henderson.

NOES: Councilmember Wise

Deloris Prince  
DELORIS "BOBBIE" PRINCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terrri Hanks  
TERRI HANKS, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Floyd Batiste  
FLOYD BATISTE, PAEDC CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Guy N. Goodson  
GUY N. GOODSON, PAEDC ATTORNEY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Val Tizeno  
VALECIA R. TIZENO, CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

Deborah Echols  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE