

At the 2005 ALTA Annual Convention, October 6, in New York, the ALTA Board of Governors adopted the following resolution:"

Resolution
of the Board of Governors
of the American Land Title Association

Whereas, the Board and members of the American Land Title Association have great concern and sympathy for the plight of the people of the Gulf Coast area impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita;

Whereas, the Board recognizes that a vital element of the economic recovery of the area and the emotional recovery of its people is the efficient and effective operation of the mortgage finance and conveyancing system ["System"] generally;

Whereas, the Board views the unique talents and resources of the title industry, both in the region and throughout the rest of the country, as valuable assets in aiding the restoration of an efficient and effective System;

Whereas, the talents and resources of the title industry in areas such as land records management, records restoration, statutory recording infrastructure, records management software and imaging, and other title information and legal document recordation activities may aid in the restoration of an efficient and effective System;

Whereas, the precise needs of the different counties and parishes affected by these disasters are currently unknown and may vary considerably

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, the Board shall establish a task force for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the needs of the areas impacted by these disasters relating to the restoration of an efficient and effective mortgage finance and conveyancing system; marshaling the assets, both financial and human, to bring about the restoration of that system, focusing particularly, but not limited to, matters relating to land title records; developing public education and awareness regarding how consumers can access the mortgage finance system, focusing particularly on matters relating to title evidence and the settlement process.