

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4306

COUNCIL SPONSOR: TANNER/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: DHHS/LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO HOME RULE CHARTER, SECTIONS 1-04, 3-01 AND 3-09, FOR THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH ST. TAMMANY OUTREACH FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE, INC. FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has experienced a spike in suicides over several prior years; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Outreach for the Prevention of Suicide, Inc. ("STOPS") provides mental health counseling services to enhance the mental well-being of individuals. It is the intention of STOPS to reduce the suffering of citizens of St. Tammany Parish experiencing symptoms of depression, anxiety, family discord and other issues impacting quality of life; and

WHEREAS, STOPS shall provide clinical mental health services and provide resources and assistance to individuals to gain access to various therapies; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has enacted a Public Health Tax. Funding initiatives for suicide prevention falls within the Public Health Tax Proposition.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that St. Tammany Parish, through the Office of the Parish President, pursuant to Home Rule Charter Sections 1-04, 3-01 and 3-09, is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, which meets or exceeds all of the requirements of Louisiana law and jurisprudence, with St. Tammany Outreach for the Prevention of Suicide, Inc. for suicide prevention services, and to take any and all actions necessary in support of same.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 2 DAY OF APRIL, 2015, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

RICHARD E. TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Resolution Administrative Comment

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St. Tammany Parish Government is seeking to enter into a new Cooperative Endeavor Agreement commencing in 2015 in order to continue the mental health counseling funding originating from a 2011 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Funding source is the public health tax, and funding for the 2015 calendar year is \$25,000.00.