

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3775

COUNCIL SPONSOR: BINDER/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RACHEL’S CHALLENGE PROGRAM WHICH IS BASED ON THE TRIUMPH AND HOPE STEMMING FROM THE LIFE OF RACHEL SCOTT AND IN MEMORIAM OF THE COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL TRAGEDY.

WHEREAS, Rachel Scott was born on August 5, 1981, and was the first victim of the Columbine tragedy on April 20, 1999, who through acts of kindness and compassion sparked the inspiration for Rachel’s Challenge; and

WHEREAS, Rachel’s Challenge is a nationwide school outreach program for the prevention of teen violence that empowers people, recognizes and celebrates doing the right thing, focuses on healthy, happy, well-balanced students, and builds healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Scott wrote a challenge to the world through an essay she titled. ”My Ethics, My Codes of Life” just a month before she was killed, in this essay she challenged people by saying, ”I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go”; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Scott left an example of kindness and compassion by reaching out to students who were handicapped, new to school, or picked on or put down by others, and her actions are not being replicated by millions of people; and

WHEREAS, Rachel’s Challenge has directly impacted over 13,000,000 people since 1999, prevented suicides, documented the prevention of school shootings and incidences of violence, and inspired service clubs, that have been created in her memory in schools across the United States and are impacting innumerable communities.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that St. Tammany Parish Government supports the work of the Rachel Challenge organization and their work to inspire students in St. Tammany Parish and across the nation to build a community based on kindness and compassion.

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 11 DAY OF JULY , 2013, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Administrative Comment

The Rachel's Challenge's group requested support for their effort to make St. Tammany schools and the overall community a more compassionate place.