

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3777

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ST. TAMMANY PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ST. TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGARDING THE AUDIT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AT ST. TAMMANY PARISH JAIL.

WHEREAS, following the Department of Justice's 2011 review of the St. Tammany Parish Jail, the Department of Justice issued a findings letter dated July 12, 2012 regarding certain conditions at the Jail surrounding the mental health of confined individuals; and

WHEREAS, Representatives from St. Tammany Parish Government and the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office detailed their voluntary efforts to change various components of the mental health program at the Jail; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement is to be entered into by the United States Department of Justice, St. Tammany Parish Government and St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to address the findings letter and to avoid the risks and burdens of litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to ensure that the conditions at the Jail respect the rights of the prisoners detained at the jail.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the St. Tammany Parish President is authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Justice, St. Tammany Parish Government and the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office.

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

Resolution Administrative Comment

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St. Tammany Parish Government seeks authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Justice, St. Tammany Parish Government and St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to address the findings letter dated July 12, 2012 and to avoid the risks and burdens of litigation surrounding mental health treatment of confined individuals.