

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4215

COUNCIL SPONSOR: FALCONER/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 VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS, INC. FOR ITS SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has experienced a steady and alarming spike in suicides; to reduce the incidents of suicide and ensure better safety for all, Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans, Inc. ("VOA") has developed an effective working partnership between first responders and the mental health system; and

WHEREAS, VOA has been "touching lives, building community" since the 1890s, and works in innovative ways to help people with mental illnesses and emotional disturbances function as well as possible and enjoy a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, VOA seeks to provide a "Crisis Response Program" to optimize the collaboration between first responders and the mental health systems to improve the care of persons with severe mental illness who are in crisis. The Crisis Response Program will consist of mental health professionals who would be on call to assess and intervene in suicide reports coming in through the 911 system.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Parish of St. Tammany, 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 Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans, Inc. for funding of its Crisis Response Program and to take any and all actions necessary in support of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all acts previously taken by the Office of the Parish President in furtherance of the actions or agreements contemplated herein are hereby ratified and approved.

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 6 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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R. REID FALCONER, AIA, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

### **Resolution Administrative Comment**

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St. Tammany Parish Government is seeking to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in order to provide calendar year 2015 funding for the Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans Inc. "Crisis Response Program". Funding source is the public health tax, and funding for the 2015 calendar year is \$500,000.00.