

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4212

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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 ACCESS HEALTH LOUISIANA, INC. FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has experienced a steady and alarming spike in suicides over the past several years. To reduce the incidents of suicide and ensure better safety for all, Access Health Louisiana, Inc. ("Access Health") seeks to provide mental health services at its Federally Qualified Health Centers provided by Parish by employing mental health professionals; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the increase of suicides and mental health issues in St. Tammany Parish, Access Health can provide outpatient mental health services accessible to residents of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, Parish desires to provide funding resources to support mental health.

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 Access Health Louisiana, Inc. for funding support of mental health services, 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 commencing in order to provide funding for the Access Health's provision of mental health professionals to the public at its two FQHCs, in order to provide mental health resources to residents of St. Tammany Parish. Funding source is the public health tax, and funding for the 2015 calendar year is \$150,000.00.