ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-1220

COUNCIL SPONSOR: PRESIDENT/BRISTER PROVIDED BY: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT HAS NO BOND FUNDING SUFFICIENT TO FUND THE PROJECT ENTITLED "MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTE COMPLEX, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION".

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government ("STPG") is committed to encouraging economic development to meet the needs for employment and services of its growing population.

WHEREAS, STPG is also committed to improving drainage through the addition of retention ponds in strategic locations.

WHEREAS, STPG is willing to donate land valued at $2,000,000 near the St. Tammany Regional Airport for the purpose of creating a state-of-the-art Maritime Training Institute Complex ("Complex") which can be used as a training facility and an emergency operations center for Louisiana river and harbor pilots, a homeland security training site for marine and airport operations management, law enforcement agencies and military units, and a site for university research and development projects.

WHEREAS, the Complex will be comprised of waterway development (a 1/25 scale model of the Mississippi River connecting two (2) 30-40 acre retention ponds with pumping stations and a lock), a manned model boathouse and control center, and a training facility and simulation center.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government lacks any source of funds, inclusive of bond funding, sufficient to fund this project; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Government has exhausted all other local options for funding this project, including taxation, special assessments, loans, bond issues and other sources; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Government wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana to avail itself of an opportunity to fund $50,000 of this project in a letter of credit through the Capital Outlay Act of 2004; and

WHEREAS, under R. S. 39:101, the state of Louisiana requires that the St. Tammany Parish Government, the non-state entity requesting such funding, shall certify by resolution that it has no other funding for this project.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY certifies that it has exhausted all local options for funding this project, including taxation, special assessments, loans, bond issues and other sources and hereby requests funding for the above referenced project through the provisions of the Capital Outlay Act of 2004.

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

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: