## ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-1564

COUNCIL SPONSOR: <u>STEFANCIK/PRESIDENT</u> PROVIDED BY: <u>PRESIDENT</u>

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING RELATING TO PROJECTS FOR THE ST. TAMMANY REGIONAL AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation ("LA DOTD DOA") is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government ("STPG"), herein referred to as "Sponsor", has completed a Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and LA DOTD DOA approved Development Study which outlines the specific future development of the St. Tammany Regional Airport as well as an environmental assessment; and the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Study recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport; however, the Sponsor does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD DOA is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

## THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section I - That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD DOA provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Tammany Regional Airport specifically described as Landing Area Improvements/Land Acquisition: Update environmental mitigation, acquire seventy acres to the west of the airport and clear that land at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000.

Section II - To provide financial assistance to the Sponsor in the amount of ninety-five percent (95%) of the total cost necessary for the completion of the described improvements to match other funds to be provided by the FAA which may amount to ninety-five percent (95%) of the total project costs.

Section III - That the said LA DOTD DOA be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

Section IV - That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD DOA, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD DOA, its officers, agents or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD DOA as a result of this project.

Section V - That the Parish President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the FAA and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

Section VI - That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.