

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-2105

COUNCIL SPONSOR: BAGERT/DAVIS PROVIDED BY: FINANCE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA'S AND NORTHSHORE PELICAN FOUNDATION'S JOINT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE BUREAU OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINIC ("FQHC") IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH UNDER THE NEW ACCESS POINTS IN HIGH POVERTY COUNTIES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the second part of the President's Health Centers Initiative, which began in 2002, has targeted St. Tammany Parish as one of the nation's 200 poorest counties that does not presently have an FQHC, has the population to support one, and has been invited to submit a grant application for funding. As such, St. Tammany Parish is coordinating the efforts of co-applicants Volunteers of America and Northshore Pelican Foundation with their grant application for funding of an FQHC; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany's primary and preventative health care services, including hospital emergency rooms, have been strained since Hurricane Katrina due to the 25% increase in population and the lack of physicians and medical personnel. The FQHC lends itself to solving the health professional shortage issues we currently face in St. Tammany. It will facilitate recruitment and retention efforts through hiring incentives that are competitive with those offered in nearby parishes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FQHC will assume the clients of Slidell Memorial Hospital's Pediatric Clinic, turning an unprofitable community service for 1,600 clients into a profitable medical, dental, and mental health center that will impact St. Tammany's medically under served population of about 80,000; and

WHEREAS, being targeted for the New Access Points in High Poverty Counties program is an opportunity that St. Tammany Parish will never experience again because FQHC funding is generally extremely competitive and favors existing FQHCs.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY supports the grant application of Volunteers of America and Northshore Pelican Foundation for the funding of an FQHC in St. Tammany.

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 \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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BARRY BAGERT, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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DIANE HUESCHEN, COUNCIL CLERK