

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6426

COUNCIL SPONSOR: OBRIEN

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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 18, 2021 ST. TAMMANY PARISH LITTER AWARENESS WEEK, PROVIDING AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF LITTER.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has experienced an increase in roadside litter and litter in recreational areas during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said pandemic has made parish and volunteer litter cleanup efforts more challenging; and

WHEREAS, litter is harmful to the environment and unsightly to look at, adversely affects drainage, can decrease property values, and impact economic development in the parish; and

WHEREAS, littering is both a civil and criminal offense prohibited by St. Tammany Parish Code of Ordinances Sec. 28-32 et seq., punishable by fines of up to \$ 5,000.00, revocation of driver’s license, imprisonment, and/or community service, in addition to criminal penalties imposed by state law; and

WHEREAS, the parish has cleaned a total of 2,895.48 miles, collecting 48,963 bags of litter and 3,185 tires, for a total of 948,355 pounds of litter since 2017; and

WHEREAS, between 2017 and 2019 an average of 1,698 inmates and volunteers assisted in collecting litter, while in 2020 only 291 inmates and volunteers were able to assist due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, since 2020 1,079 litter cases have been investigated with 698 convictions; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we all do our part to decrease litter in the parish.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the St. Tammany Parish Council urges the citizens of St. Tammany Parish to not litter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Council urges the citizens of St. Tammany Parish to do their part to keep our parish clean and beautiful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the week of April 12, 2021 through April 18, 2021 be declared to be Litter Awareness Week in St. Tammany Parish.

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 1 DAY OF APRIL , 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR. , COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK