

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3174

COUNCIL SPONSOR: GOULD/DAVIS

PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT/LEGAL

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ST. TAMMANY PARISH THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND/OR EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY AND THE 22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY RESOURCE COURT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Parish has experienced an increase in the number of arrests involving persons suffering from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to establish a Community Resource Court Behavioral Health Program with the 22nd Judicial District Court, to serve as an alternative to incarceration for nonviolent, less serious offenders suffering from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has enacted a Public Health Tax. Funding initiatives for mental health treatment falls squarely within the Public Health Tax proposition. A portion of the Public Health Tax will be used to fund the Community Resource Court Behavioral Health Program at the 22nd Judicial District Court; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Program is designed to rehabilitate and treat offenders suffering from mental illness through regular and intense judicial supervision, substance abuse treatment and testing, educational opportunities, with appropriate incentives and sanctions; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the 22nd Judicial District Court for the Court to administer the Behavioral Health Program; and

WHEREAS, The Parish proposes to provide funding in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$ 50,000.00) for a period of twelve (12) months commencing October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 to the 22nd Judicial District Court; and

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is authorized pursuant to Article VII Section 14(c) of the Louisiana State Constitution which authorizes governmental entities to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Parish President is hereby authorized to sign and/or execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. Tammany Parish and the 22nd Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana in furtherance of the objectives stated above; and

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 4 DAY OF AUGUST, 2011, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK