

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4946

COUNCIL SPONSOR: BLANCHARD/BRISTER PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NUMBER C-3456 TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATIVE MEMBERS OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH PRESIDENT'S VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Tammany recognizes the importance and value of our veterans and military community and the sacrifices they have made for the good of our country; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Tammany has a vital interest in the concerns of the retired, active, guard, and reserve military personnel, and their families, who reside in St. Tammany; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of the St. Tammany Veterans and Military Advisory Council to serve as coordinating body to provide a forum for enhanced interaction between various veterans and military entities with St. Tammany Parish; and to serve as a resource to the Parish President relative to issues affecting veterans and/or the military community and their families and on matters with which veterans and military personnel have special areas of knowledge and expertise; and further, to serve as a liaison between the various veteran and military entities and representatives of civilian interests; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President, seeks to create the "St. Tammany Parish President's Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Council" as an active panel to advise the Parish administration on issues of importance to veterans and the military community; to provide a source of liaison and communication with various groups relative to veteran and military issues; formulate goals and objectives to enhance communication, cooperation, coordination and understanding between veterans, military personnel, our local, state and national legislative delegations, the communities within the Parish of St. Tammany, interfacing with veterans, the military, and/or local and state government agencies; and, to promote involvement in veteran's and military related events and functions with the Parish; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-05 (A) of the St. Tammany Parish Home Rule Charter provides: "The Council, by resolution, and the President may appoint advisory boards and commissions to provide advice regarding the operations of the Parish government. No such board or commission shall have administrative or legislative authority"

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the St. Tammany Parish President's Veterans and Military Affairs Advisory Council (hereafter the Advisory Council) is hereby created.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties and objectives of the Advisory Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. To serve as a resource to St. Tammany Parish relative to issues affecting veterans and/or military community and on matters with which veterans and the military community have special areas of knowledge and expertise, and further, to advise the Parish administration on issues of importance to veterans and the military community and their dependents.

B. To provide a source of liaison and communication with various groups relative to veterans and military issues; and, to promote involvement in veteran's and military related events and functions with the Parish;

C. Formulate goals and objectives to enhance communication, cooperation, coordination and understanding between veterans, military personnel, our local, state and national legislative delegations, the communities within the Parish of St. Tammany, interfacing with veterans, the military, and/or local and state government agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall present an annual report to the St. Tammany Parish Council and Parish President regarding the status and/or progress achieved during the previous year at the St. Tammany Parish Council meeting held in February.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Advisory Council shall be composed of a maximum of twenty members and up to four alternate members which shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the St. Tammany Parish President. Terms of members of the Council shall be staggered with one half of the membership serving an initial two year term and the second half of the membership serving an initial three year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council may create subcommittees composed of Advisory Council members, and non-advisory council members, which meet in accordance with the open meetings law, R.S. 42:4.1, et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Council shall meet at regularly scheduled quarterly meetings, and at the call of the Chairperson.

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 FEBRUARY , 2018, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

S. MICHELE BLANCHARD, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Administrative Comment

The VMAAC is currently composed of a maximum of twenty members. We have added up to four alternate members to ensure a quorum is met at their meetings.