

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4795

COUNCIL SPONSOR: STEFANCIK/BRISTER PROVIDED BY: LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO HOME RULE CHARTER SECTIONS 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 AND 3-09, FOR ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH ST. TAMMANY PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE AND LEADERSHIP NORTHSORE, INC. FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A MAUSOLEUM FOR INDIGENT CREMAINS.

WHEREAS, at its primary facility, the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office ("Coroner") is currently storing the unclaimed cremains of more than one-hundred and twenty five (125) deceased, indigent St. Tammany Parish citizens and residents, which number is anticipated to increase over time; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Northshore, Inc. ("LNI") is actively engaged with preparing emerging leaders for leadership positions in local government, business and community affairs in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, as a project of the class of 2017, LNI has researched and identified a need to provide a proper burial site for present and future unclaimed cremains of deceased, indigent St. Tammany Parish citizens and residents; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the foregoing project, LNI desires to fund the purchase of one (1) abbey mausoleum located in St. Tammany Parish;

WHEREAS, Act No. 181 of the 2013 Legislature (effective 7 June 2013), enacted La. R.S. 13:5725 (the "Coroner's Act"), (1) mandates St. Tammany Parish Government ("Parish") to approve and ratify all contracts and purchase agreements of Coroner, including the power to reject or nullify contracts and expenditures by Coroner; and (2) prohibits Coroner from owning immovable property and obligates that title to any and all property of Coroner be held in the name of Parish; and

WHEREAS, Parish desires to assist LNI and Coroner in the purchase of a suitable burial site for the aforementioned cremains, and further to acquire title and ownership of the same for the foregoing purposes, and/or for benefit of Coroner; and

WHEREAS, Parish and Coroner agree and acknowledge that the objectives sought through the subject Agreement will benefit Parish citizens and residents, and therefore desire to provide pertinent services therein and to enter into the foregoing Agreement, pursuant to the terms and conditions more fully set forth therein; and

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that St. Tammany Parish Government, through the Office of the Parish President, pursuant to Home Rule Charter sections 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 and 3-09, is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, which meets or exceeds all requirements of Louisiana law, and jurisprudence, with St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, Leadership Northshore, Inc. and/or other necessary entities for the acquisition of a mausoleum for the unclaimed cremains of deceased, indigent Parish citizens and residents, and for the provision of necessary services therein.

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 MAY , 2017, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Resolution Administrative Comment

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St. Tammany Parish Government seeks to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office and Leadership Northshore, Inc. for the purpose of acquisition and management of a proper burial site for unclaimed remains of indigent St. Tammany Parish citizens and residents.