

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6027

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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 EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE, AND/OR OTHER NECESSARY PARTIES, FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF CORONER FUNDING FOR THE BENEFIT OF SAFE HAVEN (WARD 4, DISTRICT 7).

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has experienced and continues to experience a significant increase in the number of mental and behavioral health related issues, including, but not limited to, an increase in the number of involuntary commitments to Parish emergency rooms and hospitals for patients suffering from mental and behavioral health related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to better serve those St. Tammany Parish residents suffering from mental and behavioral health related issues and substance use disorders, St. Tammany Parish Government ("Parish"), the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office ("Coroner") and other public and private stakeholders, using available resources, have proactively sought opportunities to partner with the community and a variety of local agencies and stakeholders to effectively restructure the local behavioral healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, Parish, Coroner and other partners have conceptualized and opened Safe Haven St. Tammany ("Safe Haven"), which will be a comprehensive behavioral health complex whose focus is to serve the needs of St. Tammany Parish's mental and behavioral healthcare population in an efficient and cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Safe Haven represents the efforts of Parish, various Stakeholders and numerous other nonprofit organizations and partners to provide a collaboration of on-site and network based partners to create a healing environment for the behavioral health continuum by creating a high-quality, coordinated, sustainable and humane network of care within St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, to support its operations, Coroner is the recipient of tax revenue proceeds generated by that certain November 2, 2004 four (4) mills property tax proposition passed by the registered voters of St. Tammany Parish (hereinafter, the "Coroner Property Tax"); and

WHEREAS, in a direct effort to reduce the number of involuntary commitments utilized by Coroner in St. Tammany Parish, and to improve the overall mental and behavioral healthcare system in St. Tammany Parish, Coroner desires to commit certain Coroner Property Tax proceeds for the benefit of Safe Haven; and

WHEREAS, the Parish and the Coroner jointly recognize and agree that a cooperative endeavor agreement between the parties to further specify each party's obligations with regard to the funding commitment by Coroner is in the best interests of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish.

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 execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, and/or other necessary parties, which meets or exceeds all requirements of Louisiana law and jurisprudence, regarding the contribution of funding by or on behalf of the Coroner's Office for the benefit of Safe Haven, and to take all actions necessary, including entering into all agreements or negotiations in furtherance of the actions contemplated herein.

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 6 DAY OF DECEMBER, 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

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/or other necessary parties, for the contribution of funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 by the Coroner's Office for Safe Haven. The source of said funding will be Coroner Property Tax proceeds, subject to the terms and obligations more fully set forth in said Agreement.