

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3252

COUNCIL SPONSOR: GOULD/DAVIS

PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT/LEGAL

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE 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 NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) ST. TAMMANY, INC. FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE.

WHEREAS, the Parish has experienced a steady and alarming spike in suicides over the past six years; and

WHEREAS, NAMI St. Tammany, Inc. is qualified to provide educational and support classes to reduce the incidents of suicide; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to provide funding resources to support community-based suicide prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, NAMI St. Tammany, Inc.'s mission is to increase awareness and advocate for families and individuals living with mental illnesses by envisioning prevention, education and training as primary pathways to better services and a healthier community. NAMI St. Tammany, Inc. is qualified to administer numerous educational and support programs and services including:

- * Peer education groups
- * Support groups
- * Training programs
- * Educational services for individuals, family members, health-care providers, and the general public who deal with mental illness

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has enacted a Public Health Tax. Funding several initiatives for suicide prevention falls squarely within the Public Health Tax proposition. In order to address the lack of mental health resources for suicide risks in the Parish, the Public Health Tax will be used to fund mental health counseling, therapy and care for mental health patients within St. Tammany Parish. Therefore, the Parish seeks to provide funding to NAMI St. Tammany, for providing certain educational and support classes within St. Tammany Parish to respond to the increasing number of suicides.

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 NAMI St. Tammany, Inc. regarding 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.

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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 3 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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