

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6162

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BELLISARIO

PROVIDED BY: SLIDELL MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PAID FAITH-BASED LIAISON TO THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATION AND THE FUNDING OF THIS POSITION.

WHEREAS, the charge of the St. Tammany Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness organization is to develop, manage, coordinate and maintain a comprehensive effective response to any natural or technological emergency that may occur and which poses a threat to lives and property in St. Tammany Parish. This department is responsible for advising the Parish President, Administration Offices, Parish Council and Municipalities regarding emergency preparedness activities and operations; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has experienced devastation from hurricanes and other natural disasters in the past; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has experienced the kindness, generosity, and unwavering commitment from local Faith-Based communities at the time of disasters; and

WHEREAS, during Hurricane Katrina, the Faith-Based community responded with churches, organizations, and business sending personnel, supplies, financial support and other resources, however, initially, without coordination; and

WHEREAS, Northshore Disaster Recovery, a local non-profit, Faith-Based Organization, took the lead in attempting to manage, coordinate and disburse resources in the area as the need warranted; and

WHEREAS, Northshore Disaster Recovery, has continued to coordinate and maintain contact with the Faith-Based community in preparation for future disasters and needs; and

WHEREAS, the effort to continue and maintain communications, and the ability to marshal personnel and equipment when needed, requires a great deal of time and coordination; and

WHEREAS, in addition to government assistance to local citizens, the Faith-Based community has provided millions of dollars of relief and resources from within St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, it has been and will continue to be the contributions from charitable agencies inside and outside the Parish and the on-the-ground organizations that make these efforts possible; and

WHEREAS, at present, the St. Tammany Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness does not have a Fully Funded Faith-Based Liaison to coordinate the connection between over two hundred and twenty-eight (228) churches throughout St. Tammany Parish in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of a Faith-Based Liaison to the St. Tammany Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness organization will provide organizational structure, coordination, and efficiency in the deployment of the resources commended by churches and extra-church volunteer groups; and

WHEREAS, at present other Liaison positions in the St. Tammany Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness organization are funded by their respective sponsoring organizations, the Faith-Based appointment does not fit that scenario and therefore, requires funding; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. Tammany desires to support the appointment of a paid Faith-Based Liaison to the St. Tammany Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness organization.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Parish of St. Tammany does hereby support the appointment of a Faith-Based Liaison to the St. Tammany Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish of St. Tammany does hereby further support that private funding sources be identified to fund said appointment and that the appointee shall not be considered an employee of the Parish, nor paid by the Parish.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Parish of St. Tammany that this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

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 5 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK