

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6948

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. LAUGHLIN

PROVIDED BY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2024

A RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL CONCURS IN THE APPLICATION OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS FOR ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK STATUS FOR FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE #2

WHEREAS, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Port of New Orleans (the "Port") has submitted an application to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to restructure the Port's Foreign-Trade Zone #2 into the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's new Alternative Site Framework (ASF),and;

WHEREAS, The Port is the "Grantee" of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) #2, and;

WHEREAS, the authority to approve the ASF application is vested in the U.S. Department of Commerce, Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the "Board") in Washington, D.C, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the application process, the Port is required to obtain the concurrence from the governance of St. Tammany Parish for inclusion in the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone #2., and

WHEREAS, restructuring the Port's Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) Project will technologically advance the management of the FTZ and best serve both the current FTZ users and potential business start-ups all contributing to Parish's economic development, and;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned FTZ Project employs over 200 employees as well as providing other tangible employment and economic benefits, and;

WHEREAS, the Grantee, the Port of New Orleans, will be able to apply to the Board for authority to serve sites located within this parish based on business needs, and;

WHEREAS, the FTZ will be made available on a uniform basis to companies within this parish in a manner consistent with the legal requirement that each FTZ be operated as a public utility, and;

WHEREAS, the successful ASF application to the Board is in the best interest of St. Tammany Parish

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Tammany Parish Council, the Governing authority, concurs in the application of the Port of New Orleans for Alternative Site Framework status for Foreign-Trade Zone #2.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, AND THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2024, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL