ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7399

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BURKE/MR. COUGLE/MS. TANNER PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF A 5 – YEAR PLAN TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A MORE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, AND SUSTAINABLE APPROACH TO DELIVERING PUBLIC SERVICES WHILE MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government recognizes the community's desire for meaningful, long-term improvements in government operations, including greater efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and the continued delivery of essential public services while seeking opportunities to reduce the tax burden on residents; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council is committed to taking action to make improvements, this includes, but not limited to, review budgets of all agencies who Louisiana Revised Statue 33:1415 applies to, public meetings specifically to consider millage renewals or new millages to be placed on the ballot, efficiency audit for St. Tammany Parish Government Departments, and work with Administration to identify efficiencies like solar lighting, garbage collection, and Parish owned properties; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Council recognizes the importance of a collaborative and transparent process that provides opportunities for meaningful public participation and input WHEREAS, in addition to Council's plan, other improvements must be made; and

WHEREAS, Parish President Michael B. Cooper has established the RESET Task Force to bring together a diverse cross-section of government agencies, community leaders, and stakeholders to foster collaboration, encourage information sharing, and develop long-term solutions that benefit the residents of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Council looks forward to actively participating in this initiative through representation by the Council Chair and attendance at task force meetings alongside members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports the overall vision and objectives of the RESET Task Force including: 1) Evaluating the overall tax structure to identify opportunities for greater efficiency, flexibility, and long-term fiscal sustainability; 2) Identifying opportunities for shared services and collaboration among parish agencies, municipalities, and other governmental entities to maximize resources and improve operational efficiency; 3). Improving public access to government information by developing methods that provide residents with easier access to information regarding government agencies, services, operations, and funding; 4) Identifying opportunities for cost savings, consolidation, and improved service delivery while preserving essential public services and maintaining the quality-of-life residents expect and deserve; and 5) Developing recommendations for state and/or parish legislative changes necessary to support long-term improvements in government operations, efficiency, and fiscal sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Council welcomes the RESET Task Force's findings, guidance, feedback, and recommendations and looks forward to working collaboratively with Parish Administration, participating agencies, municipalities, community leaders, and the public to evaluate opportunities for meaningful and sustainable improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the St. Tammany Parish Council's support of the 5-Year Plan to identify opportunities for a more efficient, effective, and sustainable approach to delivering public services while maintaining the quality of life in St. Tammany Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Parish Council is committed to making improvements that will result in increase in oversight and transparency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the St. Tammany Parish Council hereby affirms its support of Parish President Michael B. Cooper's creation of the RESET Task Force and its mission to identify opportunities for a more efficient, effective, transparent, and financially sustainable approach to delivering public services while preserving and enhancing the quality of life for the residents of St. Tammany Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Tammany Parish Council expresses its commitment to participating in this collaborative process and encouraging public engagement.

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

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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CHERYL TANNER, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK