



RESOLUTION

A Resolution Supporting the St. Tammany Parish Rededication and Extension of an Existing \$0.02 cent Sales Tax

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government (the "Parish") has a dedicated sales tax to fund roads and drainage maintenance and improvements which has increased significantly since the 1980s and is expected to generate \$90,000,000 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Parish does not have a dedicated funding source to support the District Attorney's Criminal Division, 22nd Judicial District Court, and the Justice Center which are all vital to the safety of St. Tammany Parish citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Parish wishes to rededicate and extend an existing \$0.02 cent sales tax to allow its use for road and drainage maintenance and improvements and rededicate up to 17% to the District Attorney's Criminal Division, 22nd Judicial District Court, and the Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, the rededication is not a new tax or a tax increase but is a tax reform to allow funds already collected to fund the critical need of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the St. Tammany Parish Development District/St. Tammany Economic Development Corporation (the "District") believe that the rededication and extension of the existing \$0.02 cent sales tax to allow its use for public safety and the continued use for roads, bridges and drainage maintenance and infrastructure in the Parish is in the best interests of the residents of the Parish and will promote the public health, safety, and welfare of Parish residents.

WHEREAS, enhancing public safety is essential to fostering a thriving business environment, as secure communities attract investment, promote job creation, and support sustainable economic growth,

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the St. Tammany Parish Development District:

That the District fully supports St. Tammany Parish's request to rededicate and extend the existing \$0.02 cent sales tax for an additional 25 years to allow the revenues generated by said tax to be used for major roads, bridges and drainage infrastructure projects, public safety and the continued use for roads, bridges and drainage maintenance within the Parish in the March 2025 election.

That this statement of support shall be provided to the Parish for their use in promoting the rededication and extension of the existing \$0.02 cent sales tax and a copy to be included in the minutes of the February 20, 2025, meeting of Board of Commissioners.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote of the Board, the vote thereon was unanimous, and the resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of February 2025.



Joan Coffman, President



Paul Myers, IV, Secretary/Treasurer