Introduced April 11, 2006, by Councilman Cromer, seconded by Councilman Kingston

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A resolution of the Slidell City Council expressing opposition to HB629 introduced in the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 and various provisions of the Revised Statutes for the State of Louisiana provide for the qualifications, length of terms, and the exclusive rights of the electors of local political subdivisions to elect their governing authority; and

WHEREAS, it is well settled that the Louisiana Legislature has granted the authority to the elected officials of municipalities located throughout the state to address these issues on the local level as they deem appropriate and in the best interest of the citizens of each municipality; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 629, by Representative Israel B. Curtis, introduced in the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, is a proposed constitutional amendment which seeks to limit the terms of elected officials of municipal governing authorities and other local political subdivisions who have served more than one and one-half terms in two consecutive terms. This amendment is subject to the affirmative vote of the voters of the State of Louisiana on November 7, 2006.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by virtue of this resolution, the Slidell City Council formally expresses its strong opposition to this proposed legislation as it is an attempt by the legislature of the State of Louisiana to usurp the authority granted to this and other municipalities to determine how best to represent the citizens of the City of

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Slidell and taking that decision making authority away from the local governments who know what is in the best interests of the citizens of this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council is hereby directed to immediately transmit a copy by mail and/or facsimile of this resolution to each state representative and state senator representing the City of Slidell.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2006.

Greg Cromer

President of the Council Councilman, District G