Introduced November 9, 2010, by Councilman Hicks, seconded by Councilman Cusimano

RESOLUTION R10-35

A resolution by the Slidell City Council urging the Governor of the State of Louisiana to appropriate funds to reduce the suicide epidemic in St. Tammany Parish.

WHEREAS, Parish President Kevin Davis is requesting Governor Bobby Jindal to help with the mental health crises in St. Tammany Parish by appropriating funds to establish a Crisis Action Team to provide round-the-clock behavioral assessment and intervention services to those in need; and

WHEREAS, a facility is needed to bring individuals who need assessment or a safe place to speak to a mental health professional; and

WHEREAS, follow-up services are needed to help individuals once they are stabilized and have returned home; and

WHEREAS, our local health clinic needs funds to provide mental health services on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, home health services need funds to provide mental health as part of their scope of work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Louisiana to appropriate necessary funds to help with the mental health crises in St. Tammany Parish.

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ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2010.

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