Introduced May 10, 2011, by Council Members Cusimano, Hicks, Abney, Lloyd, Fraught, Newcomb

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A resolution by the Slidell City Council relative to the current fiscal condition of the City.

WHEREAS, sales tax and ad valorem tax revenues are approximately sixty percent of the total revenue of the City; and

WHEREAS, tax revenues have declined to a level below pre-Katrina levels;

WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council and the Mayor's office have worked together to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities of the City's finances; and

WHEREAS, it has been necessary to reduce expenditures in order to fulfill the said fiduciary duties; and

WHEREAS, to that end the following actions have been taken without adversely affecting City services:

- Revision of the City employee health insurance benefits resulting in a liability saving in excess of \$15,000,000;
- A 67% reduction in the number of take home vehicles;
- Proposed elimination of employee on-call compensation which will result in savings of \$158,000 annually;
- Proposed reduction of employee overtime compensation which will result in savings of \$220,000 annually;
- Reduction of 11 City employee positions since 2005;
- Personnel changes in the Chief of Staff's Office and Building Safety
 Department which resulted in savings in excess of \$60,000 annually;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it shall continue to work with the Mayor's office to identify and implement further reductions in auto allowances/take home vehicles and other expenditures in order to fulfill its fiduciary duties while at the same time maintaining the high level of service to the citizens of Slidell.

ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2011.

Landon Cusimano
President of the Council
Councilman-at-Large

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator