Introduced December 6, 2016, by Councilman Newcomb, seconded by Councilman Abney, (by request of Administration)

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A resolution of the Slidell City Council joining with Mayor Freddy Drennan in declaring the City's support for a youth program identified as "City of Slidell Youth Ambassador Program" ("Program") designed by Lisa Carroll-Dobson and Lee McElveen ("Designers") for the youth of the City of Slidell ("City").

WHEREAS, Designers advised Mayor Freddy Drennan of their youth program that will benefit the youth of the City; and

WHEREAS, Designers appeared and presented to the Slidell City Council their program identified as "City of Slidell Youth Ambassador Program;" and

WHEREAS, the Program focuses on communications, presentation and leadership development, offering youth the opportunity to learn how to speak effectively, listen analytically, and to develop critical thinking and public relations skills; and

WHEREAS, the Program sets out the following criteria for participants: 1. Complete the Ladder Program; 2. Must be vetted as follows: (a) Must be recommended by a school principal, teacher or counselor; (b) Must be in good standing within his/her school system, (c) Must have parental consent; (d) Must submit a completed application with a letter of intent; 3. Complete leadership training; and 4. Complete public relations training; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council agree that the Program may use, as is standard for the community as a whole, the conference room on the first floor of the Administration Building for Program classes; and

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WHEREAS, City believes this Program represents a great opportunity for the youth of the City and further provides an opportunity that otherwise may not be affordable or available to the youth in the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby join with Mayor Freddy Drennan in supporting the program identified as "City of Slidell Youth Ambassador Program" designed by Lisa Carroll-Dobson and Lee McElveen for the benefit of the youth of the City of Slidell and the community as a whole.

ADOPTED this 6th day of December, 2016.

Jay E. Newcomb

President of the Council Councilman, District F

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