Introduced June 9, 2020 by Councilman Borchert, seconded by Councilman Tamborella, (by request of Administration)

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A resolution supporting the efforts of local nonprofits to pursue and secure federal grant opportunities to fund programs aimed at providing job training and life skills training to parents in low-income households, particularly those households at or below the federal poverty level.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell recognizes the essential role education plays in assisting individuals in obtaining and maintaining gainful employment and in pursuing entrepreneurial opportunities; and

WHEREAS, parents in low-income households, particularly those at or below the federal poverty level, often have a particularized need for additional educational opportunities to help break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell has long been known to have many outstanding schools and learning centers for young persons; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of many upstanding teachers and recognized entities, particularly nonprofit entities, adults within the City of Slidell have been able to take advantage of continuing education opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of educational opportunities in Slidell for parents will assist in strengthening Slidell families and, more widely, the entire Slidell community; and

WHEREAS, the federal government offers grant opportunities from time to time for such educational programming, including but not limited to socially-disadvantaged groups grant opportunities through the United States Department of Agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Slidell wishes to offer its support to local nonprofit teaching institutions in their efforts to pursue and secure such federal grant opportunities to fund programs aimed at providing job training and life skills training to parents in low-income households, particularly those households at or below the federal poverty level.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it hereby offers its support to local nonprofit teaching institutions in their efforts to pursue and secure federal grant opportunities to fund programs within the City of Slidell aimed at providing job training and life skills training to parents in low-income households, particularly those households at or below the federal poverty level.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

Bill Borchert

President of the Council

Councilman

Thomas P. Reeves Council Administrator