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6 Introduced August 13, 1985 by
7 Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by
8 Councilwoman Williams
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12 Item No. 85-8-884
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16 ORDINANCE NO. 1869
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19 An ordinance adopting an official flag for the City of Slidell.
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21 BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session
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23 convened that the flag, as described below and as per attached design
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25 is hereby adopted as the official flag of the City of Slidell,
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27 Louisiana:
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29 The Flag
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31 The Slidell City Flag, as designed by Steven Higgs is divided
32 into three primary areas with light blue representing the broad
33 expanse of sky for which the area is famous; a darker blue below
34 representing the water and its influence on the city's development;
35 on the left border is a light green area representing the land and
36 forests of the city environment.
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37 The basic colors are divided by strips of white, bordered in
38 green, representing the three interstate highways that intersect
39 here and which have strongly influenced the rapid growth and expan-
40 sion of the city.
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42 The seal, representing the city of Slidell, is placed at the
43 center of the intersection indicating its place at the "crossroads of
44 the future".
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46 The Seal
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48 At the center of the circular seal a corner of bricks repre-
49 senting the contribution of the brick industry in the early development
50 of the area.
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52 The bricks sit on a solid foundation with the date of the
53 founding of the city (1888) inscribed in Roman numerals.
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55 The bricks are arranged to indicate that the cornerstone has
56 been set and the building (of the city) started, but with more build-
57 ing to come. The bricks representing the building blocks of the
58 future.
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60 The bricks sit at the edge of the shore of Lake Pontchartrain
61 and are surrounded by typical pines of the area.
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63 The boat on the water represents the fishing, shrimping, ship
64 construction and recreational boating industry of the area.
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66 The rainbow over the Lake represents the bright, colorful and
67 cheerful nature of the people and their appreciation of natural
68 beauty of the area. It also represents hope in the future and
69 heavenly values. It also symbolizes the bridges across the Lake and
70 our connections with the rest of the world.
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72 In the foreground below the center of the seal are railroad
73 tracks wich represent the strong influence the railroad had on
74 the early development of "Old Slidell".
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76 At the bottom of the seal is a camellia for "Slidell, the
77 Camellia City" and symbolizing the people's appreciation for the
78 natural beauty of life in the area.
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13 On banner ribbons at the base and top of the central design
14 are emblazoned the words "Effort" and "Excellence" with arrows
15 leading upward from "Effort" to "Excellence" indicating the strong work
16 ethic of the community and an understanding that excellence comes
17 from effort. The arrows connecting these words are also fashioned
18 to symbolize the early Indian occupation of the Slidell area.
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20 Encircling the center portion of the seal is a rope border
21 symbolizing the strong bonds that tie the community together. It
22 also represents the hardy maritime and lumbering industries that
23 have historically surrounded the area.
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25 Around the border are the words "Slidell" at the top and
26 "Louisiana" at the bottom, identifying the city and its location in
27 the nation.
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29 Circling the entire design is a rim of gold symbolizing the
30 continuous ring of life, the natural richness of the area and the
31 endurance of its people.
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33 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Slidell
34 is hereby authorized to alter the colors of the flag at his discretion.
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38 ADOPTED this 10th day of September , 1985.
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43 *Richard B. Van Sandt*

44 Richard B. Van Sandt
45 Councilman, District C
46 President of the Council
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49 DELIVERED

50 9-12-85 3:45 p.m.
51 to the Mayor
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53 RECEIVED

54 9-18-85 11:30 a.m.
55 from the Mayor
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60 *Salvatore A. Caruso*
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