Introduced January 22, 1985 by Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Washington

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, arts and art activities stimulate business, attract business and are in fact a sizeable industry in the State of Louisiana, and;

WHEREAS, in a 1979/80 economic impact study it was determined that the impact of the arts in Louisiana totaled over 1.5 Billion dollars, with arts related employment and payroll shown over \$36,000,000 and more than \$15,000,000 in state tax revenues generated by attendees at art events, and;

WHEREAS, numerous parishes, cities and local arts agencies have banded together with the State of Louisiana and the Federal Government for the Local Partnership Test Program with the local governments having committed to contribute \$2.2 million of the cost of the program with the State and Federal Government each contributing \$400,000, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana application to the Local Partnership

Test Program was the Number One ranked application in the country by

the National Endowment for the Arts, receiving the largest award

given, and;

WHRERAS, the Louisiana Local Partnership Test Program shall be a model for all other states to follow, and;

WHEREAS, without the funding of the Test Program, the leadership of the state in promoting a quality of life, in presenting a
cultural climate capable of attracting vital industries and drawing
millions of visitors and tourists to our state will be seriously
jeopardized, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened, that the City of Slidell heartily encourages and calls upon Governor Edwin Edwards and the Legislature to do all in their power to assure the full support and funding for the Local Partnership Test Program in the fiscal year in the amount of \$266,000,000.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 1985.

Alvin D. Singletary Councilman at Large

President of the Council

Barbara Manteris-Penton