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WHEREAS, the dissolution of the family, an inadequate education system, poverty, unemployment and greed all contribute to illegal drug use; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of drug-related problems are witnessed in the loss of human lives, the loss of economic productivity, the diversion of public resources to address these problems on all fronts to the health of our people; and

WHEREAS, the demand for illegal drugs is a pervasive problem that affects all segments of our society, including professional and affluent people; and

WHEREAS, illegal drugs plague urban, suburban and rural communities of all sizes and regions; and

WHEREAS, illegal drugs constitute a problem in our community and leads to a host of problems such as homicides, robberies, burglaries and other crimes, and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, a national war on drugs has been declared to combat the importation, trafficking, sale and abuse of drugs; and

WHEREAS, our nation's cities and towns are on the frontlines of our war on drugs; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of America's dedicated public servants have died and thousands of others risk their lives daily to fight out cities' individual battles against illegal drugs and on the criminal activities stemming from illegal drugs.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council does hereby declare the week of December 3 to 9 as "Cities Fight Back Against Drugs Week".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Slidell City Council go on record urging community groups, business and civic organizations to support and participate in special activities during the week to draw community attention to this issue.

ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 1989.

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