Introduced November 24, 1992, by Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Schedler (both by request of Administration)

RESOLUTION R92-61

A resolution of the City of Slidell opposing the dissolution or merger of Region IX of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health and Hospitals is considering eliminating Region IX and merging it with either Orleans or Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Region IX provides assistance in the fields of Mental Health; Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and Mental Retardation to those in need of help in the Florida Parishes consisting of Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington and St. Tammany Parishes; and

WHEREAS, to eliminate Region IX would destroy the ability to plan effectively for the delivery of the needed services to this basically rural area and would ultimately result in the bulk of all assets being shifted from the rural areas to the large urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated professionals and volunteers presently working in Region IX have begun developing a Region to be proud of.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council goes on record as opposing the dissolution and/or merger of Region IX of the Department of Health and Hospitals and strongly urges the retention of the five (5) Florida Parishes (Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, and St. Tammany) with full Regional status.

ADOPTED this 24th day of November, 1992.

L. P. "Lynn" Barthelemy Councilman, District D President of the Council

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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council