Introduced April 13, 1999, by Councilman Washington, seconded by Council Members Binder, Cusimano, Kingston, Livaudais, Cerny, Williams, Singletary, and Smith).

RESOLUTION R99-14

A resolution of the Slidell City Council requesting the continuation of the DARE Program at all levels, in particular, the elementary schools of the City of Slidell.

WHEREAS, the Drug Abuse Resistance In Education Program (DARE) was started in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Louisiana School District in an effort to educate children on the dangers of drugs and to teach conflict resolution and ways to increase self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, the Program has been very successful in Slidell with many reported cases of young people turning down drugs due to DARE and a strong bond between police and the at-risk age group has been formed because of the DARE Program; and

WHEREAS, all of the success of this program is due to the extensive training and dedication of the DARE officers at no expense to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City of Slidell that the DARE program is being removed from Pontchartrain Elementary School because it was interfering with the curriculum time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Slidell strongly supports the inclusion of the DARE Program at all levels and, in particular, in the elementary schools, and feels this Program is essential in reinforcing the ability of young children to resist drugs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby request the continuation of the DARE Program at the elementary school level in the City of Slidell and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the St. Tammany Parish School Board.

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 1999.

President of the Council Councilman, District A

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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council