Introduced February 26, 2002, by Councilman Washington, seconded by Council Members Smith, Binder, Cerny, Cusimano, Kingston, Livaudais, Singletary, and Williams

RESOLUTION NO. R02-02

A resolution urging the St. Tammany Parish Legislative delegation to support the efforts of municipalities in amending State annexation law.

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Government has asked that the local Legislative delegation not become involved in an attempt to change State annexation law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell believes that a change in State annexation law is in the best interest of its citizens, as well as the citizens of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the action of the St. Tammany Parish Government in filing suit against the City of Slidell and in opposing amending the State annexation laws will have tremendously adverse economic impact upon all citizens of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the change in the annexation law would do nothing more than put into words what cities throughout the state have been doing for decade upon decade; and

WHEREAS, the change in the annexation law would not expand the practice and method of annexation which hundreds of cities in Louisiana have been using for many years.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby urge the St. Tammany Legislative delegation to:

- 1. Become involved in the annexation issue; and
- 2. Support the effort to codify into law decades of statewide annexation practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council requests the Governor to put the annexation issue on the Call for the Special Session in March 2002, and the Legislature as a whole is urged to amend the law to allow the cities in Louisiana the authority to annex vacant property that is adjacent to the cities at the request of the owner.

ADOPTED this 26th day of Fooguary, 2002.

President of the Council Councilman, District A