Introduced March 20, 2002, by Councilman Washington, seconded by Council Members Singletary, Smith, Binder, Cusimano, Kingston, Livaudais, Cerny, and Williams, (by request of Administration)

RESOLUTION NO. R02-06

A resolution urging the Louisiana legislature to restore municipal annexation authority.

WHEREAS, the Attorney General and a local court case have ostensibly negated municipal annexation authority which heretofore existed for decades upon decades; and

WHEREAS, Governor Foster has included in his special legislative session call an item to amend the state annexation law to authorize municipalities to annex property not ninety percent (90%) contiguous to the municipal boundary upon the petition of a non-resident property owner; and

WHEREAS, such legislation would merely clarify the law to comport with the actual practice that cities throughout the state have been doing for at least fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will prevent tremendous adverse economic impact upon the citizens of this state from occurring.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that:

 The St. Tammany legislative delegation support the effort to codify into law decades of statewide annexation practice; and

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- 2) The Louisiana legislature adopt the statute allowing annexation of property which is not ninety percent (90%) contiguous to a municipality upon the petition of a non-resident property owner; and
- 3) Under no condition shall any municipality in St. Tammany Parish be deprived of the opportunity to take advantage of and use any favorable amendment to the state general annexation law.

ADOPTED this 20th day of March, 2002.

Lionel J. Washington
President of the Council
Councilman, District A

CONCUR:

Salvatore A. Caruso

Mayor