Introduced June 10, 2003, by Councilwoman Burkhalter, seconded by Council Members Harbison and Cromer, (both by request of Administration)

## **RESOLUTION R03-20**

A resolution of support regarding the COPS in Schools Grant.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell through its Police Department intends to apply for a grant for the COPS in Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, this is a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice which provides funding to place Police officers in four local high schools for a three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish School Board has indicated a willingness to bear a majority of the costs not covered by the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires the City to retain the officer positions for at least one year following the expiration of the grant; and

WHEREAS, during the 2007 fiscal year the City would be required to fund its portion of the program in an amount up to \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the presence of law enforcement officers in schools would promote a safe and secure educational environment for the high school students in our City; and

WHEREAS, said law enforcement presence would also assist in implementing community policing efforts through police and citizen partnerships.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it supports the COPS in Schools Programs and the goals thereof.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the appropriate time the City presently intends to appropriate sufficient funding, for sums not covered by the grant and not paid by the St. Tammany Parish School Board, up to the amount of \$50,000.00.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2003.

Pearl Williams

President of the Council Councilwoman-at-Large

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Shawn B. McManus Clerk of the Council