

1 Introduced June 23, 2026, by Councilman
2 DiSanti, seconded by Councilman Brownfield,
3 (by request of Administration)

4 **RESOLUTION R26-19**

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6 A resolution designating Tuesday, June 23, 2026 as Bonfouca Museum and
7 Research Center Day in the City of Slidell, to recognize the dedication of the Bonfouca
8 Museum and Research Center by the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe, and to express
9 sincere appreciation for the preservation of the indigenous history of the tribal nation in
10 historic Bonfouca for the cultural enrichment and civic pride of Louisiana citizens.

11 WHEREAS the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe dedicated the Bonfouca
12 Museum and Research Center at the historic train depot located in Slidell, St. Tammany
13 Parish, Louisiana on Friday, May 29, 2026; and

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15 WHEREAS, the museum, one of the oldest documented locations in Louisiana
16 and West Florida, will preserve and promote the artifacts and history of Bonfouca; and

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18 WHEREAS, the museum will provide a dedicated space to showcase the
19 history and related American Indian artifacts for the purposes of education, cultural
20 enrichment, tourism, economic development, and community representation; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Bonfouca Museum and Research Center will be beneficial to
23 Louisiana residents, newcomers, students, and tourists to the area; and

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25 WHEREAS, Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe are descendants of the mound
26 builders; and

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28 WHEREAS, the ancestors of the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe are buried
29 in traditional cemeteries throughout the parish of St. Tammany; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Chahta Tribe fought for the United States of America under
32 President Andrew Jackson, including in the Battle of New Orleans and throughout West
33 Florida; and

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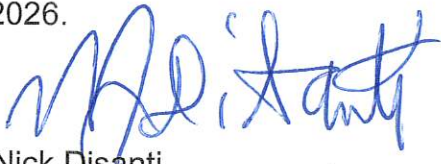
4 WHEREAS, in 1830, the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe were the earliest
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6 Native Americans to become United States citizens, and dual citizenship, ratified under
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8 Article 14 of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek; and

9 WHEREAS, President Andrew Jackson gave special provisions to the
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11 hereditary chief of the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe, his heirs, and assigns who did not
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13 have to relocate to Indian territory in Oklahoma.

14 NOW THEREFORE BT IT RESOLVED, that the Slidell City Council does
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16 hereby recognize Tuesday, June 23, 2026, as Bonfouca Museum and Research Center
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18 Day in the City of Slidell, recognize the dedication of the Bonfouca Museum and Research
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20 Center by the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe, and does express sincere appreciation to
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22 the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe for the preservation of the indigenous history of the
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24 tribal nation in the historic Bonfouca for the cultural enrichment and civic pride of Louisiana
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26 citizens.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
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29 the Tchefuncta Nation, Chahta Tribe.

30 **ADOPTED** this 23rd day of June, 2026.

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Nick Disanti
President of the Council
Councilman, District D


Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator