



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce (the “Chamber”) serves its 1,100 members, representing over 37,000 employees, as the Northshore’s premier business organization; and

WHEREAS, our mission is to promote, support and advocate for businesses, to be their resource of choice, and to be the catalyst for a community that prospers; as well as advancing the general welfare and quality of life on the Northshore; and

WHEREAS, surveys consistently deem public safety to be the number-one-priority quality of life issue appreciated by the citizens of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany is the fourth largest parish in the state as well as the fourth fastest-growing parish behind Orleans, East Baton Rouge, and Jefferson parishes and has had significantly lower crime rates than other parishes of similar size and growth projections; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District provides a safe and controlled environment for juvenile offenders and without it, these young individuals would be released back into society, posing a potential risk to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District has a 3-mill property tax up for renewal, which is the primary funding source for the district that is crucial for our community; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber Board of Directors is confident that the renewal of this millage will ensure that the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District will continue to address the needs of at-risk youth and those youth who have entered the juvenile justice system through the processes of rehabilitation and/or the teaching pro-social behaviors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chamber’s Board of Directors:

That following lengthy discussion and research provided by the Advocacy & Public Policy Committee who recommended to the Chamber’s Board of Directors that they

endorse and support the 3-mill property tax renewal that will be included on the April 27, 2024 ballot, and to encourage support by voters for this measure to ensure continued public safety that is vital to the quality of life enjoyed by St. Tammany Parish, where businesses thrive and citizens are proud to live.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, respectfully signed this 18th day of April, 2024.



Chris Abadie
2024 Chairman of the Board



Lacey Osborne
President and CEO