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INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM)

RESOLUTION NO. 6539

A resolution authorizing the St. Charles Parish Council to pre-approve the Industrial Tax Exemption application for Green Shutter Teas, LLC, Project ID: 20200467-ITE for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program for a project in St. Rose, Louisiana.

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, Green Shutter Teas, LLC will apply for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE") and will seek approval of BCI and the Governor for a contract granting an Ad Valorem exemption for qualified capital expenditures for a project located at 150 Canvasback Drive in James Business Park in St. Rose; and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Edwards, through Executive Orders JBE 16-26 and 16-73, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the State of Louisiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Orders provide that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation and retention at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments; and,

**WHEREAS**, rules promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED) and adopted by BCI mandates parameters for ITE approval and requires local review and potential action or consent by the relevant Parish Council, School Board and Sheriff; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project described herein satisfies all parameters for ITE approval including new job and payroll creation, while generating additional Sales/Use Taxes to local taxing authorities during the ITE period; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to satisfying the minimum program requirements, Green Shutter Teas, LLC will recognize the St. Rose location as its Global Corporate Headquarters and commits to executing supplemental local performance efforts to increase employment and procurement opportunities for local residents and businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL** upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, support the pending application for Industrial Tax Exemption by Green Shutter Teas, LLC for the project referenced herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the St. Charles Parish Council strongly encourages the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry to approve the ITE application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Green Shutter Teas, LLC, Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry, LED, and Governor Edwards.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DONALDSON, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS,  
DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: FISHER-PERRIER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 25th day of January, 2021, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Marilyn Bellock  
SECRETARY: Michelle Dupont  
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: January 26, 2021  
APPROVED: [Signature] DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: Math Jewell  
RETD/SECRETARY: January 29, 2021  
AT: 9:20 am RECD BY: [Signature]