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2005-0284

INTRODUCED BY: ALBERT D. LAQUE, PARISH PRESIDENT
(CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER)

RESOLUTION NO. 5295

A resolution to request a divided vote referendum for Medicare only coverage of employees hired before April 1, 1986.

WHEREAS, Act No. 204, Regular Session, Louisiana Legislature of 1952 (LA R.S. 42:1001-1011 as amended by Act 280 of 2004) established procedures whereby members of retirement system(s) in political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana may obtain Hospital Insurance-Medicare only coverage ("Medicare"); and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish desires to offer Medicare only coverage to its eligible employees hired before April 1, 1986.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby adopt the following resolution:

SECTION I. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the St. Charles Parish Council to extend the provisions of Section 1, Act 204, 1952 Regular Session, as amended by LA. Act 280 of 2004, providing Medicare coverage to eligible officers and employees of St. Charles Parish.

SECTION II. In pursuance of said policy, the St. Charles Parish Council requests the State Treasurer's Office to conduct a divided vote referendum, under Section 218(d)(6) of the Social Security Act, for employees hired before April 1, 1986, who are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana or the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund. The divided vote referendum will be conducted pursuant to applicable State and Federal laws and regulations for the purpose of allowing eligible employees the option of paying the Medicare-only tax.

SECTION III. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the State of Louisiana to secure Medicare coverage of eligible officers and employees as provided in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION IV. The coverage of eligible officers and employees shall be effective as of October 1, 2005 for the employees who voted "Yes" in the divided vote Medicare referendum.

SECTION V. Withholdings from salaries or wages of officers and employees for the purposes provided in Section 1 hereof of this resolution are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, and shall be paid to the Internal Revenue Service, in such amounts and at such times as are designated in IRS Code 3121 (b)(7)(E) and 3126.

SECTION VI. Employer contributions shall be paid from amounts appropriated for such purposes to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with applicable Federal laws.

SECTION VII. The St. Charles Parish shall maintain such records and submit such reports as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws or regulations.

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

YEAS: MARINO, FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, RAMCHANDRAN, WALLS, BLACK, DUHE
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: FABRE, MINNICH

And the resolution was declared adopted this 17th day of October, 2005, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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CHAIRMAN: [Signature]
SECRETARY: [Signature]
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: October 18, 2005
APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____
PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]
RETD/SECRETARY: October 18, 2005
AT 2:30 pm RECD BY: B92