

1 **ST. GEORGE TRANSITION DISTRICT**

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3 The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by
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6 **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0013**

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8 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ST. GEORGE**
9 **TRANSITION DISTRICT CHAIRMAN AND/OR ST. GEORGE TRANSITION**
10 **DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO TAKE ALL**
11 **ACTIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS PROVIDED TO COLLECT ANY**
12 **AND ALL TAXES AND FEES OWED BY EAST BATON ROUGE TO THE ST. GEORGE**
13 **TRANSITION DISTRICT; AND TO ENFORCE THE DATE OF INCORPORATION,**
14 **NOVEMBER 23, 2019, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.**

15 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to an election held on October 12, 2019, the voters in the area to become the
16 City of St. George voted in favor of a municipal incorporation to be known as the City of St. George.
17 The results of said election were published in accordance with applicable Louisiana law and those
18 results were made final on November 23, 2019.

19 **WHEREAS**, Mayor-President Sharon Weston-Broome and Mayor Pro Tem Lamont Cole challenged
20 the reasonableness of the incorporation. Their challenge failed and the Louisiana Supreme Court
21 upheld the lawful incorporation of the City of St. George on April 26, 2024.

22 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3076, *et seq.* the legislature passed legislation
23 and the Governor signed into law Act No. 361 on June 12, 2020 and determined it was essential and
24 necessary to authorize the continuation of the parish tax within the area incorporated, to authorize
25 the continuation of the provision of services by the parish within the area incorporated, and to create
26 a financial assistance district and provide for it a source of revenue in order that it may engage in
27 cooperative endeavors, enter into contracts for the provision of essential public services, and raise
28 revenue to assist the municipality in funding the delivery of essential public services to its citizens and
29 to assist the municipality in preventing cash flow difficulties.

30 **WHEREAS**, the St. George Transition District is authorized to levy a two percent sales tax as
31 established in La. R.S. 3076, *et seq.* East Baton Rouge Parish refuses to remit tax dollars to the St.
32 George Transition District in violation of applicable Louisiana law.

33 **WHEREAS**, East Baton Rouge Parish refuses to remit taxes and fees as provided for in La. R.S.
34 3076, *et seq.*, or to negotiate in good faith and enter into any cooperative endeavor agreements as
35 contemplated under La. R.S. 33:3076, *et seq.* thereby requiring the St. George Transition District to
36 seek remedies through litigation. East Baton Rouge Parish refuses to negotiate in good faith and
37 continues to withhold information in its possession, which is necessary for the parties to move
38 forward.

39 **WHEREAS**, the St. George Transition District is authorized to sue and be sued.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. GEORGE TRANSITION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are adopted as part of this Resolution for all purposes.

SECTION 2: The St. George Transition District does hereby authorize the St. George Transition District Chairman and/or St. George Transition District Attorney to take all necessary actions to initiate and file any necessary legal action (including the retention of outside counsel in connection therewith), pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:3076, *et seq.*, and to take all actions necessary to protect the rights provided and to enforce the date of incorporation, November 23, 2019, to the fullest extent of the law.

SECTION 3: It is officially found, determined and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Louisiana law.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the St. George Transition District adopts this protocol for approval and payment of invoices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the St. George Transition District Members that this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with law.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For:

Against:

Absent:

Abstained/Recused:

J. Andrew Murrell, Chairman

William Potter, Secretary