

On motion of Councilmember DeFrancesch, seconded by Councilmember Reynaud, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. B-16681

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION OF THE LOUISIANA TAX FREE SHOPPING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program started over 27 years ago and every three to four years, the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Commission must request extension of the sunset provision; and,

WHEREAS, Act 435 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature is set to expire on June 30, 2017, and a bill to renew the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Commission and Program will be submitted in the upcoming 2016 Regular Legislative Session; and,

WHEREAS, tourism is one of Louisiana's top industries, generating \$11.2 billion in annual spending for Louisiana businesses; and,

WHEREAS, shopping is a top activity of all tourists and travelers, with international visitors, on average, spending 20% more than their domestic counterparts and staying at a destination two or three days longer; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to capture a larger portion of the market share of international visitors, the State of Louisiana created the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Commission which is self-funded through user fees; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program is an essential tool used to encourage international tourists to visit the State of Louisiana by offering a sales tax refund on qualified purchases; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenner had over \$600,000.00 in international purchases for 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenner supports the extension of the sunset provision of the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program which is set to expire on June 30, 2017.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNER HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION ONE: That the City of Kenner supports the extension of the sunset provision of the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program which is set to expire on June 30, 2017.

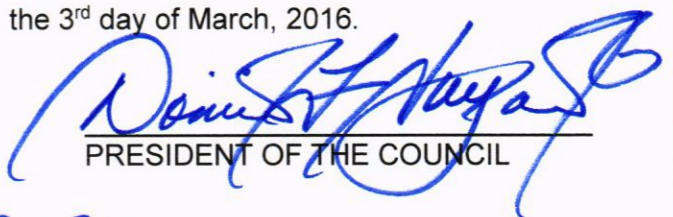
SECTION TWO: That the Council Clerk is hereby requested to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Commissioner of Administration, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the State Treasurer, the Chairman of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Jefferson Parish State Delegation and various appropriate media.

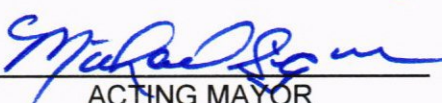
This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

This resolution was declared adopted on this, the 3rd day of March, 2016.


CLERK OF THE COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL


ACTING MAYOR

SUBMITTED BY: Maria C. DeFrancesch, Council-at-Large, Division A
DESIGNATED AREA: Citywide



CITY OF KENNER

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL

March 7, 2016

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Council Clerk

Honorable Stephanie Hilferty
State of Louisiana
3331 Severn Avenue, Suite 206
Metairie, LA 70002

Dear Representative Hilferty:

Enclosed you will find a certified copy of Resolution No. B-16681, adopted by the Kenner City Council on March 3, 2016, which expresses the support of extending the sunset provision of the Louisiana Tax Free Shopping Program.

Any assistance you may provide in this regard would be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Sincerely,

CITY OF KENNER COUNCIL

Natalie A. Hall
Council Clerk

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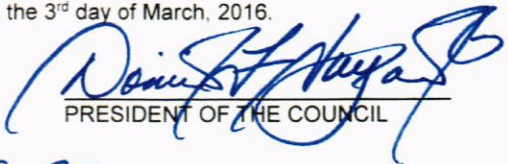
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