

RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

A resolution (1) supporting the submission of a \$150,000 grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts to install public art in the roundabouts along Southwest Railroad Avenue/US 51 Business at I-12; and (2) supporting a cash match of \$150,000 to come from the Grant Match Fund.

WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town grant program supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity and to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places—with the arts at their core;

WHEREAS, NEA Our Town grants may be used for public art projects that improve public spaces—celebrating the distinctive character and quality of communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, and local businesses have partnered in the creation of a Gateway to Hammond at the intersection Southwest Railroad Avenue/US 51 Business and I-12 to calm traffic, attract and welcome travelers to our storied city, and celebrate Hammond as a "Crossroads of the South;"

WHEREAS, these partners agree the installation of public art within this public space will help achieve these objectives—enhancing quality of life and transforming the area into lively, beautiful, and resilient place; and

WHEREAS, the City and the project are eligible for NEA Our Town funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF HAMMOND HEREBY

1. supports the submission of a \$150,000 grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts to install public art in the roundabouts along Southwest Railroad Avenue/US 51 Business at I-12; and
2. supports a match of \$150,000 to come from the Grant Match Fund.

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Council, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Hammond City Council following roll call vote:

Yeas: ___ Nays: ___ Absent: ___

Tonia Banks
Hammond City Council Clerk

Lemar Marshall
Hammond City Council President