

1 **CITY OF ST. GEORGE**

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3 BY COUNCIL MEMBER HECK:

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5 **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____**

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7 TO REQUEST THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
8 FOR THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF
9 THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND THE PARISH
10 OF EAST BATON ROUGE TO CREATE A HOME
11 RULE CHARTER COMMISSION AND TO
12 PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS
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14 WHEREAS, the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (City-Parish) have
15 operated under a consolidated government structure since 1949, marking one of the earliest forms
16 of city-parish government consolidation in the United States;

17 WHEREAS, the governance and demographic landscape of East Baton Rouge Parish has
18 significantly evolved over the decades, now encompassing five incorporated cities: Baker, Baton
19 Rouge, Central, St. George, and Zachary;

20 WHEREAS, this evolving structure calls for a modernized approach to governance that
21 accurately reflects the unique and diverse needs, perspectives, and priorities of each municipality
22 within East Baton Rouge Parish;

23 WHEREAS, a Home Rule Charter Commission dedicated to crafting a fresh and forward-
24 looking governance framework would enable collaborative input from all five cities, their
25 residents, and other stakeholders to propose a structure that better serves the present and future
26 needs of East Baton Rouge Parish; and

27 WHEREAS, the establishment of a Home Rule Charter Commission presents an
28 opportunity to create a more inclusive, efficient, transparent, and accountable form of local
29 government, focused on optimizing the role and contributions of each municipality within the
30 parish.

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. George City Council that:

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34 1. The St. George City Council urges and requests the Metropolitan Council of the
35 Consolidated City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (“Metro-Council”)
36 to initiate proceedings for the creation of a Home Rule Charter Commission,
37 empowered to develop a new Home Rule Charter, without limitations or constraints
38 imposed by the existing charter, to ensure a comprehensive and contemporary approach
39 to local governance that serves the evolving needs of East Baton Rouge Parish residents
40 and tasked with developing a modernized governance framework reflective of current
41 needs and priorities within East Baton Rouge Parish, including the perspectives of all
42 five incorporated cities: Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, St. George, and Zachary.
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44 2. The St. George City Council urges and requests that a Home Rule Charter Commission
45 be composed of individuals representing diverse interests and include members who

1 are residents of each municipality in East Baton Rouge Parish, ensuring that diverse
2 perspectives and interests are thoroughly considered and incorporated into a proposed
3 new governance structure.

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5 3. Copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Metro-Council, the Mayor-President,
6 the mayors of Baker, Zachary and Central and any other appropriate governmental
7 bodies and agencies and elected official for their information and consideration.
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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

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15 For:

16 Against:

17 Absent / Abstained / Recused:
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19 **CERTIFICATION**

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21 The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Regular Meeting of the
22 Council for the City of St. George held on November 26, 2024.
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26 Lorraine Beaman, Clerk