

**CITY OF ST. GEORGE, LOUISIANA**

BY COUNCIL MEMBER TALBOT:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-005**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR DUSTIN YATES TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE/PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS OF THE PURPOSE CHURCH MOBILE DREAM CENTER INITIATIVE TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF OPIOID USE DISORDER**

WHEREAS, the communities within the City of St. George (“City”) and the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge (“City/Parish”) have been negatively impacted by the prevalence of opioid use disorder;

WHEREAS, the City and City/Parish deem the mitigation and alleviation of the negative impacts of opioid use disorder to be a public purpose consistent with Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, which authorizes political subdivisions to engage in cooperative endeavors for such public purposes;

WHEREAS, Purpose Church has developed the Baton Rouge Dream Center Initiative to address homelessness and addiction, and has proposed expanding that work through a Mobile Dream Center Initiative, designed to mitigate opioid use disorder through street outreach, strengthening addiction recovery pathways, and mental health intervention;

WHEREAS, the City and City/Parish desire to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement to jointly support the work of the Mobile Dream Center Initiative, whose work encompasses areas throughout the City and City/Parish;

WHEREAS, the intentions of the City and City/Parish have been reduced to writing in a *Cooperative Endeavor Agreement*, the initial term of which shall terminate on December 31, 2026, whereby the City/Parish will provide monetary funding to Purpose Church and the City will ensure that said funding is utilized according to the approved program purposes as outlined in the agreement, including City oversight through monthly reporting and record-keeping; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of St. George desires to authorize Mayor Dustin Yates to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City/Parish for

these purposes by and on behalf of the City of St. George,

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

SECTION 1. The Council hereby authorizes Mayor Dustin Yates to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge identified herein for and on behalf of the City of St. George.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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

For: Cook, Dellucci, Edmonds, Himmel, Murrell, Talbot

Against: None

Absent: Monachello

### **CERTIFICATION**

The above and forgoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Council for the City of St. George held on February 24, 2026.



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Lorraine Beaman, Clerk