

On motion by Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Daniel Lorraine, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-345**

**RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT EMPHATICALLY OPPOSES THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL ELDERLY PROGRAMS INTO A SEPARATE OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS (DHH).**

**WHEREAS**, the following represents a general statement of the basis for the Board's opposition:

**WHEREAS**, there is no more efficient mechanism for providing social services to the elderly in this State than the existing community based, locally operated aging services network under the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs ("GOEA");GOEA currently provides vital services annually to over 125,500 unique individuals at an administrative cost of approximately three million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, The consolidation proposed by DHH will have the contrary effect to the streamlining and consolidation desired by the state; The DHH proposal will, in effect, "in-source" services from outside the State Government, and unnecessarily bring those administrative functions into an already bloated DHH agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Moreover, to accomplish the "streamlining" desired, the social services currently provided by the Office of Aging & Adult Services (OAAS), should be consolidated into the GOEA which is currently administering the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, which are operating as the Single Point of Entry for elderly and disabled adults providing access, information, referral and assistance and accessing all home and community based services, including those currently provided by OAAS, and doing so more effectively and more efficiently at a fraction of the cost; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution was sponsored for Administration by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, Councilman, District 7; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended by the Administration of the Lafourche Parish Government that the Council approves said opposition to consolidate all elderly programs into a separate office within the Department of Health and Hospitals.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on September 22, 2009, that the Lafourche Parish Government finds that it is imperative that GOEA remains under the Office of the Governor or that a Cabinet position be created for the Office of Elderly Affairs, to eliminate the OAAS and consolidate all non-medical home and community based services and waivers for elderly and adults with disabilities under the GOEA for Administration at the local level through the Aging Services Network.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to; State of Louisiana, Executive Board on Aging P.O. Box 61, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0061; Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 94004, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004; Local Delegation; Lafourche Council on Aging, Inc., and Lafourche Parish Government Office of the Parish Administrator.

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

**YEAS:**        Mr. Jerry Jones                      Mr. Lindel Toups  
                  Mr. Michael Delatte                Mr. Phillip Gouaux  
                  Mr. Louis Richard                  Mr. Rodney Doucet  
                  Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta        Mr. Daniel Lorraine  
                  Mr. Matt Matherne

**NAYS:**        None

**ABSENT:**     None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 22nd day of September, 2009.

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**JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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I, CARLEEN B. BABIN, Council Clerk for the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-345, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on September 22, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.

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**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**