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**PRESS RELEASE**

Issued By Council Chairman Jerry Binder

A copy of the Coroner's letter of resignation was received today which will be effective at 5:30 P.M. We are also in receipt of a letter from the Chief Deputy Coroner, Dr. DeFatta, stating that he respectfully declines the position of interim Coroner. Procedurally the appointment of the interim Coroner now becomes the responsibility of the Parish Council. Louisiana law requires the Council to make the appointment within 20 days of the resignation. The Parish Council will proceed to timely fulfill said obligation. I am requesting that Louisiana licensed physicians who reside in St. Tammany Parish and have an interest in serving only as interim Coroner please forward their resume to Council Attorney Terry Hand by Monday, October 28, 2013. It is based upon the advice received from the Parish's legal team that only those individuals who agree not to be candidates in the election to be called to fill the unexpired term of Coroner should apply.

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