



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as the voice of business, the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce represents 1,000 businesses and their 30,000 employees; and

WHEREAS, many consumers are unaware of the obligation to remit taxes for online purchases, or do not voluntarily report and pay taxes for such transactions; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation S.743 introduced as the Marketplace Fairness Act would give states the necessary authority to require on line retailers to collect sales taxes; and

WHEREAS, the bi-partisan legislation is supported by a growing coalition of local, state, and national business groups and trade associations; and

WHEREAS, the Marketplace Fairness Act does not create a new tax, but rather serves as a compliance and collection tool for existing law; and

WHEREAS, the Marketplace Fairness Act addresses an equity issue, establishing a level playing field among retailers and on line businesses; and

WHEREAS, local retailers are an important part of local communities, creating local jobs and providing local resources; and

WHEREAS, the Market Fairness Act would also promote sales tax and use uniformity and simplification; and

WHEREAS, the Marketplace Fairness Act would have a net positive fiscal impact for states to provide much needed resources for vital state services like higher education and infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce hereby supports the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013, pending congressional action in Washington D.C.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 8 day of October, 2013.

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Amy Edwards
2013 Board of Directors Chairman

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Lacey Toledano
President & CEO