PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year throughout the United States, 10,000,000,000 school bus passenger trips are made and each day more than 25,000,000 students are transported to and from school by more than 500,000 school bus drivers and school bus aides. Their primary concern is the safety of their very important passengers, and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana over 600,000 students are transported to and from school daily, and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, the State Department of Education and the St. Tammany Parish School Board are dedicated to the promotion of safety for this precious cargo in the most economical and efficient manner, and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish citizens recognize the skill and dedication of the thousands of people who make this system possible, and

WHEREAS, the buses cover approximately 24,500 miles daily in St. Tammany Parish transporting approximately 25,200 public and non public students and have an excellent safety record, and

WHEREAS, primary factors for the excellent record can be attributed to dedicated drivers, supervisors, superintendents, principals, teachers, parents, defensive driver programs, school bus driver instructional programs, student instruction in safe riding practices, careful bus maintenance and the watchful inspections conducted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that the St. Tammany Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the week of February 9-13, 2009 as

ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOLS
BUS SAFETY AND SCHOOL BUS OWNER/OPERATOR
AND SCHOOL BUS AIDE APPRECIATION WEEK

in St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana.

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I, Gayle Sloan, Secretary of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the regular session of the St. Tammany Parish School Board on January 15, 2009 held at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, Covington, Louisiana.

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GAYLE SLOAN
Secretary