

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana is a diverse state made up of many different communities
2 each of which present different challenges culturally, socioeconomically, and medically; and

3 WHEREAS, the guidelines of the CDC, public health experts, and President Trump
4 recommend a region by region or county by county (parish by parish) reopening strategy;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, a single, statewide universal order limits the responsibilities and powers
7 of mayors and parish presidents in areas that otherwise might contemplate the reopening
8 process; and

9 WHEREAS, it is urged and requested that mayors and parish presidents be
10 empowered to reopen their communities by issuing proclamations and executive orders to
11 provide strategies in accordance with the guidelines provided by the CDC, FEMA, and
12 President Trump; and

13 WHEREAS, the economic shutdown which has resulted from the stay-at-home order
14 and their restrictions contained in the governor's emergency disaster declaration have
15 resulted in substantial economic loss and historic unemployment numbers for the people of
16 Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, public health indicators across Louisiana show great improvements,
18 including a decreasing rate of positive tests and fewer hospitalizations from all parts of
19 Louisiana; and

20 WHEREAS, efforts to "flatten the curve" in Louisiana have been largely successful,
21 the original predictions of COVID-19 overwhelming our healthcare system have not proven
22 true, and the health care facilities and workers of Louisiana have proven to be more than
23 capable of properly caring for the patient load presented by COVID-19.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby suspends
25 the provisions of R.S. 29:721 through 724, 725(H), 726, 760 through 764, 766, 767, and 769,
26 relative to the governor's authority to declare an emergency, disaster, or public health
27 emergency.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this suspension shall become effective upon
29 adoption of this Resolution and shall extend through the fifteenth day after the adoption of
30 this Resolution.

DIGEST

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Suspends the governor's authority to declare an emergency, disaster, or public health emergency as it relates to the coronavirus.

(Suspends R.S. 29:721-724, 725(H), 726, 760-764, 766, 767, and 769)