

1 WHEREAS, thus the practice of accident response fees and similar fee-for-service
2 assessments that are being implemented in some jurisdictions around the country is not
3 appropriate in Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, in cases of gross irresponsibility on the part of an individual who
5 requires emergency responder assistance that could have been avoided, perhaps a penalty
6 assessment for the response is understandable, but any general scheme of shifting the cost
7 of emergency services to those who use the services undermines the entire scheme
8 established in state law for funding these critical areas of government responsibility.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 direct all local governing authorities and public emergency service providers to cease
11 assessing accident response fees or any similar assessment against persons utilizing
12 emergency services.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express
14 its intent that any such fee or assessment is contrary to state law and does hereby direct the
15 Louisiana Municipal Association, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana
16 Sheriffs' Association, the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Louisiana Fire
17 Chiefs' Association to inform their respective members that the legislature believes that this
18 practice is prohibited.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana requests that the
20 legislative auditor report to the legislature on any governing authority or public emergency
21 service provider that he finds is imposing any such fee or assessment.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the executive director of the
24 Louisiana Municipal Association, the executive director of the Police Jury Association of
25 Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, and the
26 secretary of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs' Association.

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