

1 for unauthorized discharge of pollutants into United States waters as occurred during the
2 Deepwater Horizon disaster; and

3 WHEREAS, these fines estimated between \$5.4 billion and \$21.1 billion would
4 ordinarily be deposited into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund pursuant to the Clean Water
5 Act; however, congress passed the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist
6 Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE)
7 that requires eighty percent of the fines to be deposited into the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust
8 Fund (Trust Fund) for restoration efforts in the five coastal states damaged by the spill:
9 Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, the monies from the Trust Fund will be principally divided into three
11 funding mechanisms, the Direct Component that evenly distributes thirty-five percent to the
12 five affected states; the Comprehensive Plan Component that directs thirty percent to the
13 Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council to implement a comprehensive Gulf Coast wide
14 recovery plan; and the Spill Impact Component that distributes thirty percent to the affected
15 states based upon a formula calculated on the miles of coastline affected by the oil spill,
16 distance from Deepwater Horizon, and the average 2010 population; and

17 WHEREAS, thirty percent of Louisiana's Direct Component share will be allocated
18 directly to coastal parishes; and

19 WHEREAS, the rules proposed by the United States Department of Treasury, which
20 administers the Trust Fund, requires a parish, prior to receiving any funds, to submit a land
21 use plan to the governor that is consistent with, or complementary to, the most recent version
22 of the state's Coastal Master Plan approved by the legislature; and

23 WHEREAS, the coastal parishes, the state, and our coastal ecosystem as a whole
24 would benefit from developing the coastal parishes' land use plan based on discussions and
25 participation in a forum of coastal parish officials, employees and board members of the
26 Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to create a body composed
29 of officials from coastal parishes, employees or board members of the Coastal Protection and

1 Restoration Authority, and other members that may be necessary for the purpose of
2 facilitating the development of the coastal parishes' land use plan.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

DIGEST

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