

1 inches of rain fell; and

2 WHEREAS, flooding from the March event prompted evacuations in Greenwood,
3 Haughton, Homer, Minden, and Rayville, Louisiana, and resulted in record crests on Bayou
4 Dorcheat at Lake Bistineau, Bogue Chitto River near Bush, Bogue Falaya River in
5 Covington, Little River of Louisiana near Rochelle, and Tchefuncte River near Folsom and
6 close-to-record crests on the Amite River at Bayou Manchac Point, Amite River at Port
7 Vincent, Bayou D'Arbonne at Lake D'Arbonne, Big Cypress Creek at Mooringsport, Bogue
8 Chitto River at Franklinton, Calcasieu River near Glenmora, Calcasieu River near Oberlin,
9 Pearl River near Pearl River, Red River at Shreveport, Sabine River at Logansport,
10 Tangipahoa River at Robert, Tchefuncte River near Covington, and Tickfaw River at
11 Liverpool, among others; and

12 WHEREAS, the August flood, which was described as the worst natural disaster in
13 the United States since Hurricane Sandy in 2012, damaged hundreds of thousands of homes
14 in the state and forced thousands of citizens into emergency shelters; and

15 WHEREAS, the August event started with a slow-moving low pressure weather
16 system passing through the state producing unprecedented rainfall and leaving as much as
17 two feet of rain in a twenty-four hour period in portions of the parishes of East Baton Rouge,
18 Livingston, and St. Helena; and

19 WHEREAS, further rain that followed affected the parishes of Tangipahoa, East
20 Feliciana, Washington, Ascension, Lafayette, Iberville, and St. Martin; and

21 WHEREAS, many affected by the rising waters in the August event had to be
22 rescued by boat or helicopter, resulting in the formation of the famed "Cajun Navy"; and

23 WHEREAS, the education of thousands of school children in the areas affected by
24 the flooding was adversely impacted; and

25 WHEREAS, the task of restoring and rebuilding in the affected areas is massive and
26 complex; and

27 WHEREAS, despite the efforts of the state to obtain funding from the federal
28 government to assist in the rebuilding process, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
29 Development's disaster recovery funding, the Community Development Block
30 Grant–Disaster Recovery Program, has thus far provided only a fraction of the funding

