A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 2, 2018, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) was founded in 1926 and is a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization serving as a unified voice for Louisiana's municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the LMA is a statewide member organization that advocates on behalf of three hundred three municipalities and two parishes; and

WHEREAS, the LMA also includes five subsidiaries: Risk Management, Inc., Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMATS), Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, Louisiana Community Development Authority, and Louisiana Municipal Association of Unemployed Compensation Program; and

WHEREAS, the LMA encompasses six affiliate entities: the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association, Louisiana City Attorneys Association, Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association, Louisiana Association of Municipal Secretaries and Assistants, and Building Officials Association of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, representation from the affiliate entities and from the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, the Louisiana Conference of Mayors, the Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus Association, and the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police are included on the LMA board of directors; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the LMA is to advocate, educate, and empower local governments to serve the citizens of Louisiana efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the LMA provides numerous services to its member municipalities, including conferences, training, and webinars; and

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WHEREAS, the LMA provides LaMATS-sponsored programs such as procurement services, delinquent property tax collection, insurance premium tax collection, municipal debt recovery, blight eradication, and the Computer and Internet Technology Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the LMA continues to promote local governments by shaping legislation, providing education on municipal issues, and encouraging the exchange of ideas and experiences among elected officials throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the LMA is celebrating ninety-two years of advocacy, education, and service; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, the LMA hosts its Annual LMA Municipal Day and Legislative Conference celebrating all municipal officials and employees for their dedication to public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 2, 2018, as LMA Municipal Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE