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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate September 1 through 7, 2019, as Resiliency Week in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by

4 lessening the impact of disasters; and

5 WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is most effective when implemented under a

6 comprehensive, long-term mitigation plan; and

7 WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, administered by the Federal

8 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is designed to assist states and local communities

9 in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program; and

10 WHEREAS, federal legislation recently signed into law, the Disaster Recovery

11 Reform Act, makes available new dollars for states and communities to undertake pre-

12 disaster mitigation measures and creates new incentives for states to build resiliency; and

13 WHEREAS, since 1980, natural disasters have cost the country more than one trillion

14 dollars; and

15 WHEREAS, disasters affect the local and state economies in lost payrolls, lost sales

16 and income tax, and increased disaster recovery times; and

17 WHEREAS, according to a FEMA-commissioned study conducted by the National

18 Institute of Building Sciences, every one dollar spent on hazard mitigation provides the

19 nation with six dollars in future benefits; and

20 WHEREAS, twenty-five percent of small businesses that are impacted by a natural

21 disaster never reopen their doors; and

1 WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness Month in recognition of the need  
2 for all Americans to prepare and plan for recovery after a disaster; and

3 WHEREAS, mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster  
4 damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage; and

5 WHEREAS, effective pre-disaster mitigation reduces the demand for relief services  
6 on volunteer organizations such as disaster rescue and recovery teams, along with food  
7 banks and homeless shelters that serve our communities by changing their operations to  
8 provide additional services to those affected by disaster; and

9 WHEREAS, the legislature honors the brave men and women who as first responders  
10 selflessly provide aid in a disaster to safeguard Louisiana citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, the legislature encourages Louisiana communities to build resiliency  
12 and develop long-range mitigation strategies for protecting people and property from future  
13 hazard events.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
15 designate the week of September 1 through 7, 2019, as Resiliency Week to raise public  
16 awareness about the continuing need to plan for future disasters by instituting a pre-disaster  
17 mitigation strategy.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
19 Regional Vice President-Southwest of the National Association of Mutual Insurance  
20 Companies.

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#### DIGEST

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