

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT AND SENATOR COLOMB

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 8, 2019, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) was founded in 1926 as a nonprofit 501(c)4 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 organization includes two subsidiaries which are wholly owned: Risk Management, Inc. (RMI), and Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMATS); and

WHEREAS, the LMA encompasses multiple affiliate entities and offers its advisory partners administrative and/or fiscal management services: Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, Louisiana Recreation and Park Association, Louisiana City Attorneys Association, Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association, and the 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, Louisiana Rural Water Association, Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, Louisiana Association of Municipal Secretaries and Assistants, Louisiana Conference of Mayors, Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, the Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus Association, and Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police are included on the LMA board of directors; and

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

WHEREAS, the LMA provides numerous programs and services to its member municipalities, including conferences, training, webinars, legislative advocacy (state and federal), and information technology assistance; RMI-managed funds and liability programs including liability indemnification, worker's compensation, and unemployment compensation; and LaMATS-sponsored programs such as procurement services, delinquent property tax collection, insurance premium tax collection, occupational license tax collection, and consulting; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2018-2019 LMA executive board members include President Harry Lewis, Mayor of Rayville; First Vice President Jimmy Williams, Mayor of Sibley; Second Vice President Michael Chauffe, Mayor of Grosse Tete; and Immediate Past President Lawrence Henagan, of DeQuincy; and

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

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 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 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 8, 2019, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE