

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR BOUIE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 15, 2024, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

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

6 WHEREAS, the LMA is a statewide member organization that advocates on behalf
7 of three hundred five members, consisting of one hundred twenty-seven villages, one
8 hundred twelve towns, sixty-four cities, and two parishes; and

9 WHEREAS, the LMA wholly owns two subsidiaries - Risk Management, Inc. (RMI)
10 and Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMATS); provides
11 administrative management services for the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, Louisiana
12 Recreation and Park Association, Louisiana City Attorneys Association, Louisiana
13 Municipal Clerks Association, and Building Officials Association of Louisiana; and has
14 multiple affiliate and advisory partners including the Louisiana Community Development
15 Authority, the Louisiana Municipal Association of Unemployment Compensation, the
16 Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, the Louisiana Association of Municipal
17 Secretaries and Assistants, Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, the
18 Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, the
19 Louisiana Conference of Mayors, the Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus of Local Elected
20 Officials, and the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the LMA has launched a credit-based certification initiative, the
12 Louisiana Municipal Leadership Academy (LMLA), designed to train municipal officials,
13 utility professionals, parks and recreation experts, attorneys, clerks, and police chiefs with
14 continuing education in their respective fields; and

15 WHEREAS, the LMA continues to promote local governments by shaping
16 legislation, providing education on municipal issues, and exchanging ideas and experiences
17 among elected officials throughout the state; the LMA has partnered with the Police Jury
18 Association of Louisiana to establish the LITACorp. to further assist communities;
19 LITACorp. provides technical assistance to political subdivisions with competitive federal
20 grant opportunities and a matching-funds program specifically for local government entities
21 in rural and economically distressed communities; and

22 WHEREAS, the LMA executive board members include president, Derrick Johnson,
23 mayor of Cheneyville; first vice president, Rick Allen, mayor of Leesville; second vice
24 president, Ray Bourque, mayor of Broussard; immediate past president, Michael Chauffe,
25 mayor of Grosse Tete; and newly-installed executive director, Barney Arceneaux, former
26 mayor of Gonzales; and

27 WHEREAS, the LMA is celebrating ninety-eight years of advocacy, education, and
28 service; and

1 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, the LMA hosts its annual LMA
2 Municipal Day and legislative advocacy day at the state capitol celebrating all municipal
3 officials and employees for their dedication to public service in Louisiana.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 designate Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

DIGEST

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