

1 WHEREAS, we are grateful for the period of economic growth Louisiana has
2 enjoyed; and

3 WHEREAS, despite these blessings, our citizens and neighbors will continue to face
4 challenges, many of which may not have been seen before in this state or nation; and

5 WHEREAS, our citizens and neighbors continue to have concerns about the security
6 of our national borders and attacks on our institutions and way of life; and

7 WHEREAS, exposing, resisting, and removing corruption from all levels of
8 government is vital to maintaining liberty for all citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, human trafficking (slavery) was, is, and forever will be an unacceptable
10 evil in our state and nation that destroys the lives of thousands, depriving them of their
11 Creator-endowed rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

12 WHEREAS, acts of criminal violence in our communities are and will remain
13 unacceptable; and

14 WHEREAS, the dependence on and the addiction to drugs and alcohol will continue
15 to overwhelm our government finances, our healthcare and mental health systems, and our
16 law enforcement resources, adversely affecting workforce productivity and damaging
17 families; and

18 WHEREAS, a high divorce rate and an expansive need for foster care indicate a
19 brokenness in Louisiana families; and

20 WHEREAS, building strong and committed families where the father and mother are
21 committed to one another, their children, and their community is foundational to a healthy
22 Louisiana; and

23 WHEREAS, the suicidal and infanticidal tendencies bombarding our culture from
24 all directions belie the truth that everyone's life has value because we are created in the
25 image of God; and

26 WHEREAS, we know that societies that fail to honor all life cannot survive; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout our history, our leaders have called people to seek the
28 Creator's favor and mercy by issuing proclamations like the one issued by John Adams on
29 March 23, 1798: "As the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend
30 on the protection and the blessing of Almighty God; and the national acknowledgment of

1 this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the People owe to Him, but a duty whose
2 natural influence is favorable to the promotion of that Morality and Piety, without which
3 social Happiness cannot exist nor the Blessings of a Free Government be enjoyed; and as
4 this Duty, at all times incumbent, is so especially in seasons of Difficulty or of Danger, when
5 existing or threatening Calamities, the just Judgments of God against prevalent Iniquity, are
6 a loud call to Repentance and Reformation...Under these considerations it has appeared to
7 me that the Duty of imploring the Mercy and Benediction of Heaven on our Country
8 demands, at this time, a special attention from its Inhabitants"; and

9 WHEREAS, we recognize our duty to legislate responsibly but also understand that
10 solving these problems will require the blessing and protection of Almighty God and a unity
11 of purpose within our communities; and

12 WHEREAS, we hold that "...except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but
13 in vain" (Psalms 127:1); and

14 WHEREAS, we desire the continued blessing of Almighty God on Louisiana,
15 recognizing that He, as Creator and the King of all Glory, holds all authority to both judge
16 and bless nations, states, and peoples; and

17 WHEREAS, we recognize our sins and shortcomings, both individually and as a
18 people, and humbly ask His forgiveness; and

19 WHEREAS, we ask the Lord Jesus to remove corruption, criminal violence, and
20 addiction from our state and our nation and to restore marriages, strengthen families, and
21 bring about a righteous unity of vision and purpose for all Louisianians; and

22 WHEREAS, we ask the Holy Spirit to move within the halls of government, our
23 classrooms, our businesses, our places of worship, and our homes, bringing peace, hope,
24 love, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, temperance, forbearance, and joy; and

25 WHEREAS, we call upon those who are physically able and spiritually inclined to
26 join with us annually during the month of July in a season of prayer and fasting, depriving
27 ourselves in order to awaken our need of and hunger for God, humbling ourselves before
28 Him, asking His forgiveness, and seeking His blessings, grace, and mercy so that we, our
29 communities, our State, and our nation will be transformed.

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

