

1 Assistants, the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, the Louisiana Fire
2 Chiefs Association, Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, the Louisiana Conference
3 of Mayors, the Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and the
4 Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; and

5 WHEREAS, the mission of the LMA is to educate and empower mayors and all other
6 municipal government officials and support staff to serve the citizens of Louisiana
7 efficiently and effectively and to advocate on behalf of local governments; and

8 WHEREAS, the LMA offers its member municipalities a variety of services,
9 including conferences, training, webinars, legislative advocacy, disaster preparedness, IT
10 assistance, RMI-managed liability and compensation programs, LaMATS-sponsored
11 procurement, tax collection, insurance tax, occupational license tax, and consulting services;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the LMA continues to promote local governments by shaping public
14 policy, emphasizing the importance of home rule powers and local control, and preserving
15 the autonomy of municipalities; and

16 WHEREAS, the LMA supports the authority of municipalities to enact ordinances
17 and enforce rules that safeguard the health, safety, and well-being of the people within their
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, the LMA advocates for the elimination of unfunded mandates imposed
20 upon local governments; and

21 WHEREAS, the LMA partnered with the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to
22 establish LITA Corp, which provides technical assistance to political subdivisions seeking
23 competitive federal grant opportunities; and

24 WHEREAS, the LMA Executive Committee members include the Honorable Ray
25 Bourque, Mayor of Broussard, president; the Honorable Darnell Waites, Mayor of Baker,
26 first vice president; the Honorable Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of West Monroe, second
27 vice president and immediate past president; the Honorable Rick Allen, Mayor of Leesville;
28 and the Honorable Nick Cox, Mayor of Minden; and

29 WHEREAS, the LMA Executive Board of Directors consists of mayors and officials
30 from across the state who are elected by the organization to serve for one year as district vice

1 presidents or appointees; the association's leadership is spearheaded by attorney Richard
2 Williams, who serves as interim executive director; and

3 WHEREAS, the LMA has reached a milestone: one hundred years of advocacy,
4 education, community service and public service in Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, on May 6, 2026, the LMA hosts its annual LMA Municipal Day and
6 legislative advocacy day at the Louisiana state capitol to celebrate all three hundred and six
7 municipalities and local government officials and their employees for their dedication to
8 public service in our state.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 designate Wednesday, May 6, 2026, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol and does
11 hereby extend enduring appreciation for the association's contributions in support of
12 Louisiana municipalities.

DIGEST

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