

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 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 that serves 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 six members that include one hundred twenty-seven villages, one hundred eleven towns, sixty-six cities, and two parishes; and

WHEREAS, the LMA wholly owns two subsidiaries: Risk Management, Inc. (RMI), and the Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMATS); it provides administrative management services for two key affiliates: the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority and the Louisiana Municipal Association Unemployment Compensation Fund; and

WHEREAS, the LMA has close alliances with multiple affiliates, advisory partners, and related organizations that advocate for local government in our state, including the Louisiana Recreation and Park Association, the Louisiana City Attorneys Association, the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association, and the Building Officials Association of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the LMA has a very close working relationships with and board appointments for the Louisiana Community Development Authority, the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, the Louisiana Association of Municipal Secretaries and Assistants, the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, the Louisiana Conference

of Mayors, the Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the LMA Executive Board of Directors consists of mayors and officials from across the state who are elected by the organization to serve for one year as district vice presidents or appointees; the association's leadership is spearheaded by attorney Richard Williams, who serves as interim executive director; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE