

1 the nation, including informing them of their voting rights under Louisiana election laws,
2 how to seek an absentee ballot in time for the elections, and that if they register to vote in
3 another state, they will lose their right to vote in Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, civic participation is a key element of allowing displaced citizens to
5 regain some semblance of a normal life, and the state must take every feasible measure to
6 ensure that these Louisiana citizens are able to make their voices heard by being provided
7 with information about voting; and

8 WHEREAS, it is crucial that all possible measures be developed and implemented
9 to ensure that all individuals displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are fully informed
10 about their voting rights and voting procedures.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 strongly urge and request the Louisiana secretary of state to make every extraordinary effort
13 and to work cooperatively with other state and federal agencies to contact individuals
14 displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in order to provide them information relative to
15 their voting rights and how to register to vote and vote in upcoming elections.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
17 to the Louisiana secretary of state and to the director of the Federal Emergency Management
18 Agency.

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