



1 nearly forty years ago, there have been significant events and changes, including degradation  
2 and deterioration of the state's coast, devastating impacts from numerous hurricanes, the  
3 adoption of Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast, increasing  
4 awareness, and availability of data concerning climatic changes and sea-level rise, improved  
5 understanding of storm patterns, establishment of other coastal programs and boundaries,  
6 such as the Louisiana coastal area and the conservation boundary, and an unprecedented  
7 level of funding being applied to integrated coastal protection and restoration projects; and

8 WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to reevaluate the  
9 adequacy of the state's inland boundary of the coastal zone and consider a possible revision  
10 of that boundary to better serve the current and future needs of our state; and

11 WHEREAS, coastal zone management is necessary and important to protect the  
12 coastal wetlands and resources within the coastal zone, and the cost of protecting such  
13 coastal wetlands and resources through coastal zone management is significantly less than  
14 the cost to conserve, restore, or enhance such coastal wetlands and resources once they are  
15 devastated or lost; and

16 WHEREAS, a study of this nature has not been conducted since last requested by the  
17 legislature in 2009.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
19 urge and request the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to conduct a science-based  
20 study of the adequacy of the inland boundary of the coastal zone of Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should provide information and  
22 recommendations as to the current inland boundary's adequacy to meet the coastal zone  
23 management needs of the state and its residents through upcoming decades.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study should:

25 (1) Be science-based and rely on the latest available data and technology.

26 (2) Consider the existing legal framework at the state and national level and the  
27 presence of other legally established lines of demarcation for other programs in Louisiana  
28 related to coastal issues.

29 (3) Consider physical, biological, and chemical and other scientific information such  
30 as salinity, tidal influence, storm surge, presence and type of wetlands, elevation of land,

