

1 WHEREAS, according to research by the University of Michigan, people are eleven
2 percent more likely to be employed and earn higher wages one year after a criminal record
3 is cleared; and

4 WHEREAS, a vast majority of people cannot afford a lawyer, pay court fees, or
5 navigate the process to petition the court; and

6 WHEREAS, automatic record-clearing removes the burden of filing a court petition,
7 is likely to reduce recidivism, and will benefit the national economy, which loses
8 approximately eighty-seven billion dollars in gross domestic product every year by not
9 hiring people with criminal records.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 urge and request the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, in conjunction with the
12 Louisiana Supreme Court and other courts in Louisiana, the Louisiana Clerks of Court
13 Association, the Louisiana Public Defender Board, and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association,
14 to study and evaluate the process and procedure for automatic criminal record-clearing for
15 individuals who remain free from convictions for a certain period of time.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
17 to the executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

DIGEST

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