

1 WHEREAS, the governor's proactive measures at the onset of the COVID-19 virus
2 were reasonable to protect the health and safety of the people of Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, in over six months following the governor declaring a public health
4 emergency, the medical supply chain has recovered and is capable of meeting demands for
5 COVID-19-related equipment and supplies; and

6 WHEREAS, the purpose of the phased reopening plan was to control the rate of
7 spread of the COVID-19 virus, as to prevent our healthcare system from being
8 overwhelmed; and

9 WHEREAS, after six months of state-directed effort, the emergency systems and
10 procedures that have been put in place, along with a sustainable medical supply chain and
11 an informed public, have overcome what was initially an imminent threat to our citizens and
12 healthcare system; and

13 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands Louisiana citizens have lost their jobs, thousands
14 of businesses have permanently closed, and many more are at risk in the coming months; and

15 WHEREAS, students in Louisiana are being greatly hindered in academic and
16 extracurricular pursuits critical to their personal growth and development, significantly
17 impacting the future opportunity of our children and our state; and

18 WHEREAS, the governor has not, throughout the extended duration of this
19 unprecedented crisis, consulted with or sought the approval of the Louisiana Legislature, the
20 representatives of the citizens of Louisiana, regarding the state's response to COVID-19.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby suspend until the end of the 2020 Second
23 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature the state of emergency as declared by Proclamation
24 No. 117 JBE 2020 and Proclamation No. 123 JBE 2020.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this termination shall become effective upon
26 adoption of this Resolution.

DIGEST

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