

1 WHEREAS, the Public Records Law specifically provides that it is the duty of the
2 custodian of the public records of a public body to provide copies to persons so requesting;
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4 WHEREAS, the identity and contact information for most custodians of public
5 records are not readily available to members of the public; and

6 WHEREAS, many public bodies contain other public bodies which may have their
7 own custodians, although this is not always the case; and

8 WHEREAS, it is therefore difficult in many instances for a member of the public to
9 determine to whom a public records request should be submitted; and

10 WHEREAS, this difficulty increases the time and expense involved in examining
11 public records and thereby impedes the public's ability to exercise this important right
12 granted in the constitution; and

13 WHEREAS, the Internet has become an important resource for the public to obtain
14 important information, including information concerning government.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 direct each public body that has a custodian of public records to make the identity and
17 contact information of its custodian available to the public in a manner that will allow a
18 member of the public to quickly determine the appropriate person to whom a public records
19 request should be submitted, including by placing such information on the Internet.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 chief justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, each statewide elected official, the chief
22 executive officer of each department in the executive branch of state government, the
23 speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, the Louisiana
24 Municipal Association, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and the Louisiana School
25 Boards Association.

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