



1 developmental disabilities); and

2 WHEREAS, once an individual was medically cleared in the main emergency  
3 department, specialized staff screened, assessed, stabilized, and initiated treatment in the  
4 MHERE; and

5 WHEREAS, the MHERE provided clinicians time for diagnostic clarity, observation,  
6 developing alternatives to inpatient admission, medication management, and time to develop  
7 a discharge plan for ongoing treatment in the community; and

8 WHEREAS, the MHERE unit outperformed expectations and served three thousand  
9 four hundred individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, the closure of the MHERE unit last year had immediate repercussions  
11 on Capital Region hospitals and negatively impacted local and state budgets; and

12 WHEREAS, hospital emergency departments, law enforcement, the judiciary, and  
13 others are attempting to keep up with an increased demand now placed on them; and

14 WHEREAS, fifty percent of the individuals utilizing the MHERE had Medicaid or  
15 private insurance, and the other fifty percent were indigent; and

16 WHEREAS, the Capital Area Human Services District believes a replacement for  
17 the MHERE is necessary and seeks to create a crisis stabilization unit to replace the  
18 MHERE; and

19 WHEREAS, the crisis stabilization unit will coordinate services, transfer and  
20 discharge planning to ensure an individual's compliance with continued care, and assign a  
21 contract monitor to ensure services are provided within established licensure guidelines and  
22 appropriate billing standards; and

23 WHEREAS, the Capital Area Human Services District will monitor the services for  
24 compliance and will provide a crisis stabilization team to coordinate discharge or transfer  
25 to the appropriate level of care and referrals to community resources.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
27 urge and request the Capital Area Human Services District to develop and operate a crisis  
28 stabilization unit to serve the Capital Region and to urge community leaders, local  
29 governments of the Capital Region, the state, and healthcare providers to collaborate to  
30 identify and develop a blended approach to finance services provided by the crisis

1 stabilization unit to individuals without a payor source or a means to pay for their care.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
3 Capital Area Human Services District and the Capital Region Legislative Delegation.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

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