

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER AND SENATOR CORTEZ AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BEAULLIEU, BISHOP, BOURRIAQUE, BRASS, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, CORMIER, COUSSAN, COX, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DUBUISSON, DUPLESSIS, DWIGHT, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, FRIEMAN, GADBERRY, GAINES, GAROFALO, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, HENRY, HILFERTY, HOLLIS, HORTON, HUGHES, HUVAL, ILLG, IVEY, JAMES, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, LACOMBE, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, GREGORY MILLER, MINCEY, MOORE, NELSON, CHARLES OWEN, ROBERT OWEN, PHELPS, PIERRE, PRESSLY, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STEFANSKI, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WHEAT, WHITE, WILLARD, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, FESI, FIELDS, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON, JOHNS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, PEACOCK, PETERSON, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD, WHITE, AND WOMACK

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: Provides consent for the adjournment of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature for a period longer than three days

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express consent of the Louisiana House of Representative and the Louisiana Senate for
3 the other house to adjourn the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature until 11:00
4 a.m. on March 31, 2020.

5 WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its risk of
6 person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Louisiana threatens the
7 safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state; and

8 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for
9 responding to the COVID-19 pandemic suggests that large events and mass gatherings can
10 contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these
11 events and introduce the virus to new communities; and

1 WHEREAS, this guidance further recommends organizers cancel or postpone
2 in-person events that consist of fifty people or more throughout the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, CDC guidance also encourages social distancing and prevention of
4 unnecessary personal interactions; and

5 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 10(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that
6 when the legislature is in session, neither house shall adjourn for more than three days or to
7 another place without consent of the other house; and

8 WHEREAS, by concurrence in this Resolution, the Louisiana House of
9 Representatives and the Louisiana Senate acknowledge that the intent of the other chamber
10 is to adjourn the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature for a period longer than three days
11 and that the requirements of Article III, Section 10(C) are satisfied hereby; and

12 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives finds that it is appropriate to grant consent
13 to the Senate to adjourn in order to protect the health and welfare of all persons who would
14 come to the state capitol to attend to the state's business; and

15 WHEREAS, the Senate finds that it is appropriate to grant consent to the House of
16 Representatives to adjourn in order to protect the health and welfare of all persons who
17 would come to the state capitol to attend to the state's business.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to minimize the spread of COVID-
19 19 among Louisiana citizens while meeting the legislature's constitutional responsibilities
20 without needlessly putting anyone at risk, the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express
21 consent for each legislative house to independently adjourn until 11:00 a.m. on March 31,
22 2020.

DIGEST

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Expresses consent of each house of the Legislature of Louisiana for the other chamber to adjourn for a period of longer than three days.