

1 WHEREAS, each Levitt Pavilion presents the Levitt series of more than forty annual
2 concerts and features a diverse lineup of entertainment that ranges from acclaimed emerging
3 talent to award-winning veteran performers in a wide array of music genres and cultural
4 programming; all concerts are free, making the arts accessible to everyone in a welcoming,
5 inclusive, and open lawn setting; and

6 WHEREAS, the development of a Levitt Pavilion is a community-driven process;
7 the Levitt Foundation was initially contacted in 2012 by Tremé For Tremé, a place-based
8 community organization, and over the years, key stakeholders and community organizations
9 surrounding Armstrong Park, in addition to city leadership, have consistently shown great
10 enthusiasm for this development; and

11 WHEREAS, the Levitt model is a private-public partnership at its core; all Levitt
12 venues are state-of-the-art outdoor venues that are city-owned facilities on city-owned land,
13 typically public parks; the model requires that a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization be
14 formed to work in partnership with the city and the Levitt Foundation in the development
15 of a Levitt Pavilion and maintenance of the local Levitt program; and

16 WHEREAS, Friends of Levitt New Orleans will be responsible for producing the
17 annual free Levitt concert series, which will be accomplished with grants and resources
18 provided by the Levitt Foundation and local funding; the Levitt Foundation pledges a
19 minimum \$500,000 seed grant towards the construction of the new Levitt Pavilion in
20 Armstrong Park, provided the site and venue design meet the requirements of the Levitt
21 Program, and an additional \$1.1 million in grant funding to help with the first five years of
22 operation and for core operating support; in the sixth year of operation and beyond, the
23 foundation will contribute a minimum of \$200,000 annually for core operating support
24 through 2041; and

25 WHEREAS, the development of a Levitt Pavilion in Armstrong Park in New Orleans
26 is an inspiring undertaking that is worthy of the highest recognition for making the arts
27 accessible to all and for seeking to breathe new life into Louisiana's public spaces.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 express support for the development of a Levitt Pavilion in Armstrong Park in New Orleans;
30 does hereby further recognize the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation for its support of the

1 arts and local communities; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes for the success of this
2 development which will help to promote Louisiana and New Orleans culture in a welcoming
3 and inclusive setting.

DIGEST

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Expresses the support of the Legislature of La. for the development of Levitt Pavilion in Armstrong Park.