

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR ADLEY

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. Requests the Federal Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other entities to realign their districts to conform to each other in order to provide easier access by the public, and a more rapid response to national disasters.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other entities to realign their districts to conform to each other in order to provide easier access by the public, and a more rapid response to national disasters.

WHEREAS, FEMA is charged with the duties of preparing for all types of disasters, including hurricanes, and managing the federal response and recovery efforts after a national disaster; and

WHEREAS, FEMA works in coordination with other government, non-profit, and private sector organizations, such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army, to make up the national emergency management system; and

WHEREAS, FEMA along with the national emergency management system aid the local and state governments in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a disaster; and

WHEREAS, FEMA's staff and personnel are divided into ten regional offices and two area offices; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army's staff and personnel are divided into four territories in the United States; and

1           WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is organized into chapters in every state, and  
2 consists of approximately nine hundred locally supported chapters; and

3           WHEREAS, hurricanes Katrina and Rita have shown Louisiana and the entire nation  
4 that in the wake of a national disaster the various emergency organizations must work in  
5 concert together to provide the necessary volunteers, equipment, and supplies; and

6           WHEREAS, in order to assist FEMA and the organizations that compose the national  
7 emergency management system, FEMA and the organizations should realign their offices,  
8 territories, and chapters so the individual offices will conform and be better situated to  
9 provide access to the public and the necessary response to disasters.

10          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
11 urge and request the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), American Red  
12 Cross, the Salvation Army, and other entities to realign their districts to conform to each  
13 other in order to provide easier access by the public, and a more rapid response to national  
14 disasters.

15          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge  
16 and request FEMA, American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army to coordinate with the  
17 other organizations of the national emergency management system in the realignment  
18 process.

19          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the president and chief executive  
21 officer of American Red Cross, and the national commander of the Salvation Army.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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#### DIGEST

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