

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

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RICHMOND

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 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.

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES