## BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB AND REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize April 29, 2015, as "Municipal Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) was founded in 1926 as a nonprofit 501(c)4 organization serving as a unified voice for Louisiana's municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the LMA is a statewide member organization that advocates on the behalf of 303 municipalities and two parishes; and

WHEREAS, the LMA includes five subsidiaries, namely, Risk Management, Inc., Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau, Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, Louisiana Community Development Authority, and Louisiana Municipal Association of Unemployment Compensation Program; and

WHEREAS, the LMA encompasses six affiliate and associated entities, including the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, Louisiana Parks and Recreation Association, Louisiana City Attorney's Association, Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association, Louisiana Association of Municipal Secretaries and Assistants, and Building Officials Association of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, representation from the advisory entities and also from the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, the Louisiana Conference of Mayors, the Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus Association, and the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police Association is included on the LMA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the core of the LMA's mission is to advocate, educate, and empower local governments to serve the citizens of Louisiana efficiently and effectively; and

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WHEREAS, the LMA provides numerous programs and services to its member municipalities, including conferences and trainings, LaMATS' sponsored Delinquent Property Tax and Insurance Premium Tax Programs, Computer Information Technology Assistance Program, and webinars; and

WHEREAS, the LMA continues to promote local governments by shaping legislation, providing education on municipal issues, and exchanging ideas and experiences among elected official leaders throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2015, the LMA will host its Annual Municipal Day and Legislative Conference celebrating all municipal officials and employees for their dedication to public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 29, 2015, as "Municipal Day" at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES