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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

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A RESOLUTION

To authorize and request a comprehensive plan for citywide delivery of health services in
New Orleans, and to form a study committee to assist with development of the plan.

WHEREAS, the recent ten-year anniversary of the devastation wrought by Hurricane
Katrina offered an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing recovery of the City of New
Orleans; and

WHEREAS, just as they did before Hurricane Katrina, the healthcare institutions of
New Orleans play a vital role in the health and well-being of the city's people, and,
collectively, have steadily rebuilt their facilities and services through the post-Katrina years;
and

WHEREAS, while having easily accessible medical facilities with adequate capacity
to care for patients is a priority for any city, an emerging priority for New Orleans is to align
its system of health services so that health care remains accessible and is also delivered in
the most efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans has a high concentration of hospitals as well as a high
concentration of healthcare professionals, largely due to the presence of its two medical
schools and schools of allied health, nursing, and dentistry; and

WHEREAS, other U.S. cities have undertaken efforts to develop cohesive plans to
align healthcare infrastructure existing within specific geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, an example of such an effort in this state can be found in Baton Rouge,
where the Baton Rouge Area Foundation commissioned a plan which designated an area of
the city with abundant healthcare infrastructure as a "health district"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate as a matter of public health policy to consider the benefits of a prospective plan for optimizing health services delivery in New Orleans so that the health system of the city can efficiently meet the needs of its population today and into the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request a comprehensive plan for citywide delivery of health services in New Orleans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a special study committee is hereby formed for the purpose of assisting with development of the plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The Health Commissioner of the City of New Orleans or his designee.
- (2) One healthcare consumer representative appointed by the Health Commissioner of the City of New Orleans.
- (3) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans or his designee.
- (4) The dean of the School of Allied Health Professions of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans or his designee.
- (5) The dean of the School of Nursing of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans or his designee.
- (6) The dean of the School of Dentistry of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans or his designee.
- (7) The dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine or his designee.
- (8) The president and chief executive officer of Tulane Health System or his designee.
- (9) The president and chief executive officer of LCMC Health New Orleans or his designee.
- (10) The chief executive officer of Ochsner Health System or his designee.
- (11) The chief executive officer of New Orleans East Hospital or his designee.
- (12) The president of HCA MidAmerica Division or his designee.

(13) The executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association or his designee.

(14) The chief executive officer of the St. Thomas Community Health Center or his designee.

(15) The president and chief executive officer of Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans or his designee.

(16) The chief executive officer of Baptist Community Health Services, Inc., or his designee.

(17) The executive director of the Metropolitan Human Services District or his designee.

(18) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute or his designee.

(19) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

(20) The president and chief executive officer of Greater New Orleans, Inc., or his designee.

(21) The president and chief executive officer of the Greater New Orleans Foundation or his designee.

(22) The executive director of 504HealthNet, Inc., or his designee.

(23) The chairperson of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board or his designee.

(24) A representative of New Orleans Emergency Medical Services as designated by the Health Commissioner of the City of New Orleans.

(25) The president of the New Orleans Medical Association or his designee.

(26) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Orleans Health Department shall have primary responsibility for coordinating the development of the plan, and may convene meetings of the study committee as necessary to carry out this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, the New Orleans Health Department shall submit a written report addressing the status of the development of the plan to the House of Representatives contingent on the Orleans Delegation of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Health Commissioner of the City of New Orleans; the dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, the dean of the School of Nursing, the dean of the School of Dentistry, and the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans; the dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; the president and chief executive officer of Tulane Health System; the president and chief executive officer of Children's Hospital New Orleans; the chief executive officer of Ochsner Health System; the chief executive officer of New Orleans East Hospital; the president of HCA MidAmerica Division; the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association; the chief executive officer of the St. Thomas Community Health Center; the president and chief executive officer of Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans; the chief executive officer of Baptist Community Health Services, Inc.; the executive director of the Metropolitan Human Services District; the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute; the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals; the president and chief executive officer of Greater New Orleans, Inc.; the president and chief executive officer of the Greater New Orleans Foundation; the executive director of 504HealthNet, Inc.; the chairperson of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board; the director of New Orleans Emergency Medical Services; and the president of the New Orleans Medical Association.

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