

1 world; and

2 WHEREAS, the members of The Links, Incorporated, are business and civic leaders,
3 role models, mentors, activists, and volunteers who work towards a common vision by
4 engaging like-minded organizations and individuals as partners; and

5 WHEREAS, the outstanding programming of The Links, Incorporated, has five
6 facets, which are National Trends and Services, the Arts, Services to Youth, International
7 Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services; and

8 WHEREAS, the programs are implemented through strategies such as public
9 information and education, economic development, and public policy campaigns; and

10 WHEREAS, the mission of The Links, Incorporated, has been to discern a need and
11 to fulfill it, which The Links has done by donating money and time to charitable efforts,
12 including one million dollars to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored
13 People and two million dollars to the United Negro College Fund; and

14 WHEREAS, its members contribute more than five hundred thousand documented
15 hours of community service annually, strengthening their communities and enhancing the
16 nation; and

17 WHEREAS, Links Day at the capitol is a project of the southern area of The Links,
18 Incorporated, which includes chapters in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
19 Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina; and

20 WHEREAS, the first Louisiana Links Day at the state capitol occurred on May 19,
21 2005; and

22 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2005 to
23 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies in line
24 with Healthy People 2010; and

25 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2006 to
26 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that
27 provided funding and infrastructure necessary to improve healthcare in Louisiana; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of Louisiana Links came to the legislature in 2007 to
29 inform their legislators that they supported legislation and the development of policies that
30 closed the gap in poverty and education, that provided adequate and affordable health care

