

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

GOVERNOR: Directs the governor to ensure that individual liberty and rights are protected as the state administers contact tracing

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the governor to ensure that the individual liberty and rights of the citizens of
3 Louisiana are protected as the state administers the public health function known as
4 contact tracing.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760 et seq.,
6 bestows upon the governor of Louisiana extraordinary powers during a public health
7 emergency that he declares; and

8 WHEREAS, the governor has exercised his emergency powers in extreme measure
9 during the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, the governor has declared that the state will administer a public health
11 function known as contact tracing as businesses and public places reopen after their period
12 of forced closure; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and
14 Prevention (CDC), contact tracing involves public health workers communicating with a
15 patient diagnosed with an infectious disease to help that person recall everyone with whom
16 they had close contact during the time in which they may have been infectious; and

17 WHEREAS, the CDC indicates further that after this communication occurs, the
18 public health staff performing contact tracing then contact the individuals identified by the
19 patient and warn them of their potential exposure to the infectious disease; and

20 WHEREAS, in considering information that the governor's administration has issued
21 regarding the state's rapidly developed contact tracing program, many Louisiana citizens

1 have serious concerns about how contact tracing will impact their liberty, right to privacy,
2 and other basic rights.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the governor to ensure that the liberty and
5 individual rights of the citizens of this state are protected as the state administers the public
6 health function known as contact tracing.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
8 of Louisiana does hereby direct the governor to require that the personnel who conduct
9 contact tracing disclose to all persons whom they contact that participation in contact tracing
10 is entirely voluntary before requesting any information from those persons.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
12 of Louisiana does hereby direct the governor not to authorize or otherwise impose any
13 penalty for refusal by a person to participate in contact tracing.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
15 of Louisiana does hereby direct the governor to strictly prohibit all of the following:

16 (1) Tracking of any person's movements through mobile phone geolocation or any
17 other means, electronic or otherwise, in contact tracing.

18 (2) Any data mining that would facilitate the tracking of a person's movements.

19 (3) The collection of personal identifying information through contact tracing.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
21 of Louisiana does hereby direct the governor to give absolute assurance to the people of this
22 state that contact tracing will not entail the compulsory separation of family members or the
23 prohibition of willing association among individuals.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
25 of Louisiana does hereby direct the governor not to authorize or otherwise impose any
26 mandate that any individual be tested for the novel coronavirus or antibodies to the virus.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 governor and to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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