

1 WHEREAS, before Hurricane Laura arrived, Louisiana was already expecting a
2 budget shortfall for the next fiscal year totaling hundreds of millions of dollars; and

3 WHEREAS, the strain of providing for the health and safety of its citizens while also
4 meeting the matching fund requirements for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's
5 assistance in recovering and rebuilding from Hurricane Laura could cripple our state fiscal
6 resources and infrastructure in the next few years; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Research Service, as of early 2013, over
8 the prior twenty-four years, cost-share adjustments had been made for major disaster
9 declarations two hundred and forty-four times, including for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike,
10 Gustav, and Sandy; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana's request to have the state matching portion of its federal
12 disaster assistance waived is not unprecedented and would provide much-needed relief to
13 a state struggling with this year's unexpected hardships.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to take
16 such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to
17 grant Louisiana full federal funding for disaster expenses associated with Hurricane Laura
18 or to grant Louisiana the ability to utilize alternative sources of federal funding as needed
19 matching funds if full federal funding is not provided.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United
22 States of America and to each member of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes Congress and the La. Congressional Delegation to take such actions as are necessary to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to grant Louisiana full federal funding for disaster expenses associated with Hurricane Laura or to grant Louisiana the ability to utilize alternative sources of federal funding as needed matching funds if full federal funding is not provided.