

1 WHEREAS, the encampments create fire hazards due to unsafe fires used for
2 cooking and heating; and

3 WHEREAS, there are chronic public intoxication issues associated with the
4 encampments; and

5 WHEREAS, the unseemly area of the encampments have a negative impact on
6 tourism and on businesses in the area; and

7 WHEREAS, these encampments occupy public parking spaces and interfere with
8 commerce in the area; and

9 WHEREAS, these encampments present a myriad of other real concerns to public
10 safety.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development work with other
13 agencies and interest groups to remove and prevent homeless people from residing within
14 interstate rights of way.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation shall consult
16 with, and receive advice from, the following entities:

- 17 (1) The New Orleans Police Department.
- 18 (2) The Department of Public Health.
- 19 (3) Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care.
- 20 (4) The Department of Environmental Quality.
- 21 (5) The Louisiana State Police.
- 22 (6) The Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care.
- 23 (7) The Department of Veterans Affairs' Homeless Program.
- 24 (8) The New Orleans Office of Homeless Services and Strategy.
- 25 (9) The Housing Authority of New Orleans.
- 26 (10) UNITY of Greater New Orleans.
- 27 (11) The Covenant House New Orleans.
- 28 (12) Travelers Aid Society of Greater New Orleans.
- 29 (13) New Orleans & Company.
- 30 (14) The New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

1 (15) The Historic Faubourg Tremé Association.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
3 Development shall take necessary action to resolve the humanitarian concerns caused by the
4 encampments.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall consider alternative
6 housing for those displaced people living in encampments.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
8 Development shall provide a written report of its progress to the president of the Louisiana
9 Senate and the speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives no later than March 1,
10 2024.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the Dept. of Transportation and Development address the issue of encampments under I-10 overpasses in the New Orleans area by working with other agencies and interest groups to find housing for the displaced residents of the encampments. Requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to provide a written report of its progress to the Senate and the House of Representatives by March 1, 2024.