

1 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is highly vulnerable to flooding due to its
2 low-lying geography, coastal erosion, subsidence, and increased frequency of severe weather
3 events; and

4 WHEREAS, accurate and up-to-date floodplain maps are essential tools for
5 protecting lives, guiding responsible development, determining flood insurance
6 requirements, and informing emergency preparedness efforts; and

7 WHEREAS, outdated or inaccurate floodplain maps can lead to increased property
8 damage, higher recovery costs, and insufficient risk awareness among residents and local
9 governments.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 urge and request FEMA to conduct a comprehensive review and update of floodplain maps
12 across the state of Louisiana, incorporating the most recent data, scientific methods, and risk
13 projections.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that frequent reviews of the floodplain maps utilizing
15 the most updated and accurate data available be conducted and updates be implemented
16 every five years.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FEMA is encouraged to collaborate closely with
18 state agencies, parish governments, academic institutions, and local stakeholders to ensure
19 that updated maps reflect on-the-ground conditions and community knowledge.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that updated floodplain maps should be made easily
21 accessible to the public and be accompanied by clear guidance to help residents understand
22 their flood risk and insurance implications.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 administrator of FEMA, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and the
25 members of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Federal Emergency Management Agency to review Louisiana's floodplain maps and update them every five years.