

1 WHEREAS, in 2005, a study conducted in the state of Georgia demonstrated that a
2 group of mental health professionals without best practices suicide prevention training
3 demonstrated a nine-percent group average competency rate in suicide assessment and
4 intervention, and, after only a minimal number of hours of such empirically supported
5 training, the group's average competency rate in suicide assessment and intervention rose to
6 eighty-nine percent; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals is currently making
8 available to many state agency personnel best practices, empirically supported training in
9 suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management; and

10 WHEREAS, many evidence-based, successful suicide prevention training programs
11 are available online and otherwise at minimal cost through organizations such as the
12 nationally recognized Suicide Prevention Resource Center and the American Foundation for
13 Suicide Prevention; and

14 WHEREAS, not only Louisiana's medical professionals, but also other professions
15 such as educators and law enforcement and other citizen groups, such as students, could
16 benefit from such suicide assessment, intervention, treatment and management training.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
19 and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural
20 and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System,
21 and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges consider incorporating
22 and including, where possible, in their schools disciplines and degree programs, particularly
23 in those programs related to physical and behavioral health, education and criminal justice,
24 suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management training that meets the Suicide
25 Prevention Resource Center best practices standards.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 president of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
28 Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and
29 Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and
30 the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

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