

1 WHEREAS, in-home medicine disposal, which is a method that has been proven to
2 be both effective and environmentally friendly, removes medicines from the home as soon
3 as they are no longer needed so that the medicines are not available for misuse or abuse; and

4 WHEREAS, with few exceptions, the United States Food and Drug Administration
5 recommends in-home disposal through safe and secure steps such as placing medicines in
6 a sealable container such as a plastic bag, mixing with water and an undesirable substance
7 such as cat litter or coffee grounds, and placing the container in one's household trash; and

8 WHEREAS, the MyOldMeds program is an education campaign designed to increase
9 public awareness about the importance of secure storage and disposal of drugs and to
10 demonstrate an easy way for consumers to handle drug disposal independently, securely, and
11 efficiently; and

12 WHEREAS, the MyOldMeds campaign is being launched in Louisiana to enhance
13 consumer awareness and education about the in-home disposal process, which is the best
14 way to ensure that medicines are being disposed of properly; and

15 WHEREAS, the MyOldMeds campaign will help spread the word about safe and
16 secure disposal of medicines to help combat drug diversion and abuse and prevent accidental
17 ingestion.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 express its support for the MyOldMeds campaign for the purpose of increasing awareness
20 among policymakers, patients, and healthcare providers regarding safe and secure disposal
21 of prescription medicines.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
23 to the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America's senior director of state
24 advocacy for the territory encompassing Louisiana.

DIGEST

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