

1 WHEREAS, on July 28, 2010, through Resolution 64/292, the United Nations
2 General Assembly explicitly recognized the right to safe and clean drinking water and
3 sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human
4 rights; and

5 WHEREAS, in November 2002, the United Nations Committee on Economic,
6 Social, and Cultural Rights adopted General Comment No. 15, The Right to Water, which
7 affirms that the human right to water is indispensable for dignity in life and is a prerequisite
8 for the realization of other human rights.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
11 to lead a collaborative effort to improve public drinking water quality in this state, and to
12 develop recommendations to the legislature concerning effective and responsible practices
13 to improve and maintain the quality of drinking water provided by water utility systems.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall lead
15 a collaborative effort to evaluate the issues and conditions of drinking water treatment and
16 distribution in communities throughout Louisiana by performing a thorough evaluation of
17 all of the following:

- 18 (1) The conditions of each water utility system across Louisiana.
19 (2) The effects deteriorating systems have on the safety, health, and well-being of
20 Louisiana families, communities, and businesses.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall engage
22 and solicit input, recommendations, and guidance from interested parties and stakeholders
23 in the collaborative effort called for in this Resolution, including but not limited to all of the
24 following:

- 25 (1) State and local agencies involved in the regulation, treatment, and distribution
26 of drinking water.
27 (2) Technical experts at the university and consulting levels.
28 (3) Water utility system owners and operators, community members, and state
29 legislators from areas with known public water quality issues.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Louisiana Department of Health shall develop
2 a report of the results of the collaborative effort called for in this Resolution, including
3 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if necessary, and shall submit the
4 report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare no later than thirty days prior to the
5 convening of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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