

1 the leak and funnel the oil to the surface, which was unsuccessful, (2) an insertion tube to
2 pump oil to the surface, which at best appears to be capturing only about twenty percent of
3 the oil, (3) the "top kill" method in which viscous drilling fluid is pumped into the leak,
4 which was unsuccessful, and (4) the lower marine riser package cap containment system,
5 which required cutting off the damaged riser pipe at the top of the failed blow-out preventer,
6 and this procedure has been successful to some degree but it has not completely stopped the
7 leak; and

8 WHEREAS, as part of its oil leak response, BP has been using dispersants that
9 contain human health hazards, in particular, Corexit 9500, containing solvents that are listed
10 as hazardous substances, and Corexit 9527a, containing 2-butoxyethanol, a known acute
11 human health hazard that may cause injury to red blood cells, the kidney or the liver; and

12 WHEREAS, under fire conditions, both of these Corexit products may evolve into
13 and emit noxious oxides, which further endangers response workers; and

14 WHEREAS, BP is simultaneously burning the oil slick and applying Corexit
15 dispersants, resulting in the poisoning of the air and water along Louisiana's coast; and

16 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered BP to find a non-toxic
17 dispersant to use on the oil leak due to concerns about the long-term effects of Corexit; and

18 WHEREAS, BP agreed to reduce the amount of Corexit used in the Gulf of Mexico
19 but has continued to use Corexit in its response efforts; and

20 WHEREAS, there is presently no comprehensive monitoring program to determine
21 how the Corexit dispersants, or other aspects of BP's response operation, will impact the
22 marine ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico and the coastal estuaries and marsh ecosystems of
23 Louisiana; and

24 WHEREAS, more than five hundred birds have been found dead across the leak
25 region, and more than two hundred sea turtles and thirty mammals have also been discovered
26 dead; and

27 WHEREAS, Louisiana's commercial and recreational seafood industries represent
28 four billion dollars annually in economic impact to Louisiana and its coastal communities;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to the seafood industries, Louisiana's restaurants, tourism,

1 and other small businesses have sustained economic impacts due to the oil leak; and

2 WHEREAS, Louisiana has deployed hard and soft booms, Hesco baskets, and sand
3 bags to prevent the intrusion of the oil into the interior marshes; and

4 WHEREAS, the state is also in the process of dredging sand berms and building up
5 its barrier islands in order to prevent the intrusion of oil into its interior marshes; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has approved portions of Louisiana's plan
7 to dredge sand berms and build up its barrier islands; and

8 WHEREAS, the approved berms consist of only about one-half of an eighty-six mile
9 network designed to protect further intrusion of oil into the interior marshes; and

10 WHEREAS, over one hundred miles of Louisiana's shoreline has been impacted by
11 oil coming ashore; and

12 WHEREAS, the efforts of BP have thus far failed to protect the coast, marshes, and
13 estuaries of Louisiana, its citizens and businesses, and has resulted in an economic crisis for
14 this state, its citizens and businesses.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 urge and request the president of the United States to utilize all the resources of the federal
17 government to stop the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico and to minimize its impacts on the
18 state of Louisiana, its citizens, businesses, and wildlife and fisheries, and to expedite any
19 necessary permits and to waive or suspend any federal requirements as necessary in order
20 to protect Louisiana's coast, marshes, estuaries, citizens, businesses, and wildlife and
21 fisheries.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 president of the United States, to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of
24 the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to
25 the United States Congress, to the governors of Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and
26 Florida, and to the legislatures of Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

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