



1 sinking of the rig, and the oil spill to be an "event of national significance" on April 29,  
2 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, officials at the local and state levels of government sprang into action  
4 as soon as the fire on the rig had been extinguished and began response efforts to slow or  
5 stop the oil from the deep water leak by deploying booms to collect and contain the leak,  
6 sand bag staging and filling operations, assessment teams testing water, air and seafood for  
7 traces of contaminants and release of fresh water through diversion facilities to keep the oil  
8 out of the marshes; and

9 WHEREAS, state administration leaders, and agency heads, law enforcement leaders  
10 at every level, and other statewide elected officials began to network and partner on  
11 solutions to the oil spill once federal authorities declared the Deepwater Horizon fire and  
12 spill to be a national emergency and Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal declared the disaster  
13 "a state of emergency" on April 29, 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, state and local officials worked tirelessly around the clock to prepare  
15 for a "worst-case-scenario" of the oil coming ashore in Louisiana's fragile wetlands and  
16 marshes; and

17 WHEREAS, Louisiana officials called local government meetings to coordinate the  
18 oil spill response as they marshaled military forces, state wildlife assets, Louisiana State  
19 Police troopers, and personnel from the Department of Natural Resources, the Department  
20 of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Social  
21 Services, the division of administration, the Department of Economic Development, the  
22 Department of Transportation and Development, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and  
23 the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness into a unified  
24 command group to accomplish the stopping of the oil leak.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
26 commend state and local first responders for their prior planning and swift action to combat  
27 the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
29 governor of Louisiana and shared with all agencies and entities at every level of government  
30 in Louisiana.

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