

1 WHEREAS, several federal agencies have reviewed and endorsed the guidelines of
2 the FCC, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Food and Drug
3 Administration (FDA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the
4 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); and

5 WHEREAS, the FDA has stated that continuous human exposure to RF fields up to
6 and including one hundred percent of the FCC limit is safe; and

7 WHEREAS, the FDA states on its website that the weight of scientific evidence has
8 not linked cellular phones with any health problems; and

9 WHEREAS, the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection
10 (ICNIRP) stated in 2009 that the scientific literature published since the issue of the
11 guidelines in 1998 has provided no evidence of any adverse effects below the basic
12 restrictions; and

13 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has concluded that there is now
14 considerable epidemiologic evidence that shows no consistent association between cellular
15 phone use and overall risk of brain cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, some organizations and individuals are now urging state and local
17 lawmakers to pass laws to require health-related warning labeling on wireless devices and
18 packaging and to mandate the disclosure of health-related information about wireless devices
19 at the point of sale.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 support sound public policy in the area of health effects and wireless devices based on the
22 weight of scientific research in this area to ensure that consumer confusion is avoided.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana opposes all
24 measures that would require health-related warning labeling, including but not limited to
25 specific absorption rate levels, on wireless devices and packaging.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana opposes all
27 measures that would mandate disclosure of any health-related information about wireless
28 devices at the point of sale of such devices.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
30 consumer protection section of the office of the Louisiana attorney general.

DIGEST

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Expresses opposition to measures which would require health-related warning labels on wireless devices and packaging.

Expresses opposition to measures which would require disclosure of health-related information about wireless devices at the point of sale.