

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR BOUIE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) was founded in 1926 as a nonprofit 501(c)4 organization serving as a unified voice for Louisiana's municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the LMA is a statewide member organization that advocates on behalf of three hundred five members, consisting of one hundred twenty-seven villages, one hundred twelve towns, sixty-four cities, and two parishes; and

WHEREAS, the LMA wholly owns two subsidiaries - Risk Management, Inc. (RMI) and Louisiana Municipal Advisory and Technical Services Bureau (LaMATS); provides administrative management services for the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority, Louisiana Recreation and Park Association, Louisiana City Attorneys Association, Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association, and Building Officials Association of Louisiana; and has multiple affiliate and advisory partners including the Louisiana Community Development Authority, the Louisiana Municipal Association of Unemployment Compensation, the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, the Louisiana Association of Municipal Secretaries and Assistants, Municipal Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates, the Louisiana Conference of Mayors, the Louisiana Municipal Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, and the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the LMA is to educate and empower local governments to serve the citizens of Louisiana efficiently and effectively, and to advocate on behalf of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the LMA provides numerous programs and services to its member municipalities, including conferences, training, webinars, legislative advocacy, and information technology assistance; RMI-managed funds and liability programs including liability indemnification, worker's compensation, and unemployment compensation; and

LaMATS-sponsored programs such as procurement services, delinquent property tax collection, insurance premium tax collection, occupational license tax collection, and consulting; and

WHEREAS, the LMA has launched a credit-based certification initiative, the Louisiana Municipal Leadership Academy (LMLA), designed to train municipal officials, utility professionals, parks and recreation experts, attorneys, clerks, and police chiefs with continuing education in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, the LMA continues to promote local governments by shaping legislation, providing education on municipal issues, and exchanging ideas and experiences among elected officials throughout the state; the LMA has partnered with the Police Jury Association of Louisiana to establish the LITACorp. to further assist communities; LITACorp. provides technical assistance to political subdivisions with competitive federal grant opportunities and a matching-funds program specifically for local government entities in rural and economically distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the LMA executive board members include president, Derrick Johnson, mayor of Cheneyville; first vice president, Rick Allen, mayor of Leesville; second vice president, Ray Bourque, mayor of Broussard; immediate past president, Michael Chauffe, mayor of Grosse Tete; and newly-installed executive director, Barney Arceneaux, former mayor of Gonzales; and

WHEREAS, the LMA is celebrating ninety-eight years of advocacy, education, and service; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, the LMA hosts its annual LMA Municipal Day and legislative advocacy day at the state capitol celebrating all municipal officials and employees for their dedication to public service in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as LMA Municipal Day at the state capitol.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE