

1 prohibited from owning firearms, because Louisiana law does not mirror federal legislation,
2 law enforcement and courts do not currently have an established statewide system to actively
3 collect and store firearms from those subject to protective orders or who have recently been
4 convicted of domestic violence crimes; and

5 WHEREAS, the language contained in Louisiana protective orders is difficult to
6 understand and does not state the consequences of possessing a firearm or ammunition while
7 the order is in effect; and

8 WHEREAS, the order of protection should include a clear and concise statement
9 explaining the federal law regarding prohibitions against possessing or purchasing firearms,
10 such as the following recommended language from the U.S. Department of Justice: "As a
11 result of this order, it may be unlawful for you to possess or purchase a firearm, including
12 a rifle, pistol, or revolver, or ammunition pursuant to federal law under 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8).
13 If you have any questions whether these laws make it illegal for you to possess or purchase
14 a firearm or ammunition, you should consult an attorney".

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 urge and request that the Judicial Administrator's Office of the Louisiana Supreme Court and
17 the Steering Committee of Louisiana Protective Order Registry simplify protective order
18 language to include more clear language regarding possession or purchase of firearms.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 Judicial Administrator's Office of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the director of the
21 Louisiana Protective Order Registry.

DIGEST

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