

1 in utilization of services; and a thirty-two percent increase in overall program expenditures;
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3 WHEREAS, these trends of increasing client utilization and program costs do not
4 show signs of reversing; and

5 WHEREAS, the level of federal funds available has not kept pace with the increase
6 in client utilization of state ADAPs, creating a need for additional funding on an emergency
7 basis; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana may be forced to cap new enrollment to the state's ADAP
9 without such funds; and

10 WHEREAS, such a limitation would create barriers to Louisianians accessing life-
11 prolonging medications and will potentially increase HIV-related morbidity and mortality
12 in this state; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the CDC's 2007 HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, Volume
14 19, Louisiana ranked fifth highest among all states in AIDS case rates and eleventh highest
15 among all states in the number of AIDS cases diagnosed in 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, as also identified in this CDC report, New Orleans ranked second
17 highest in AIDS case rates among the largest United States metropolitan areas and Baton
18 Rouge ranked third highest.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 support the Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C and the Louisiana AIDS
21 Advocacy Network in requesting urgent disbursement of additional federal funding for the
22 Louisiana AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in taking this action, the Legislature of
24 Louisiana intends to mitigate the effects of cost containment measures in the Louisiana
25 AIDS Drug Assistance Program and prevent the further limitation or closure of this program.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C and to the Louisiana AIDS Advocacy
28 Network.

DIGEST

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