

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS AND SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND BOUIE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 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 the 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 continues to promote local governments by shaping legislation, providing education on municipal issues, and exchanging ideas and experiences among elected officials throughout the state; and 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 Jennifer Vidrine, of Ville Platte; Second Vice President Derrick Johnson, mayor of Cheneyville; Mayor Rick Allen, mayor of Leesville; immediate past president, Michael Chauffe, mayor of Grosse Tete; and John Gallagher, executive director; and

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

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, the LMA hosts its annual LMA Municipal Day and legislative advocacy at the Louisiana State Capitol celebrating all municipal officials and employees for their dedication to public service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 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