

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 169

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Governor Bobby Jindal for issuing Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8, which is an order promoting energy efficiency and conservation in the executive branch of government.

Whereas, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal on January 30, 2008, issued Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8; and

WHEREAS, the executive order indicated that efficacy should apply to all areas of state government and that Louisiana's state government should be a leader in energy efficiency and conservation and demonstrate the benefits of adopting such practices; and

WHEREAS, the executive order stated that energy efficiency and conservation are essential components of responsible fiscal management; and

WHEREAS, the executive order further stated that the promotion and use of non-conventional and renewable energy sources will promote energy efficiency and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the executive order further stated that efficient and effective waste management conserves tax dollars and natural resources, and reduction of waste and recycling of what would otherwise be waste are proven waste management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the executive order indicated that several steps toward a "greener" state government had already been taken, such as agency-initiated office recycling programs, use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles, and design and construction of state office buildings to ensure energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the division of administration, in consultation with state agencies, to set energy efficiency goals for state facilities, office buildings or complexes for Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011 by July 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the division of administration and state

agencies to use all existing statutory authority in implementing measures to achieve these energy goals; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the division of administration, in consultation with state agencies, to establish programs for energy analysis of state-owned buildings and identify opportunities for reduced energy use; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed any state agency responsible for state-owned facilities to examine the feasibility of a performance contract for energy and operational cost savings under R.S. 39:1496.1; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the division of administration to provide centralized reporting and coordination of comprehensive capital energy improvements; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed each department of the executive branch of state government to adopt a program to reduce solid waste, including but not limited to adopting paperless office programs, and to adopt a recycling program with emphasis on single stream recycling so as to increase compliance; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the division of administration to consult with state agencies in establishing waste reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the division of administration to review its purchasing practices to ensure 100% compliance with existing state requirements related to energy conservation, to adopt best energy purchasing practices, and to develop or increase standards for such products as appliances, light bulbs, smart chargers, and computers using Energy Star as a minimum standard; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the division of administration, in consultation with state agencies, to develop average fuel economy goals for the state automobile fleet and take necessary measures to assure that those goals are met by 2010, including expanding the number of hybrid and other fuel efficient vehicles as well as alternative fuel vehicles on the list of vehicles on state contract; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed each state agency to assign a lead person to work with the division of administration in the development of the sustainability and energy efficiency goals, the budget and management review, the purchasing of alternative and renewable energy, and the implementation of the sustainable building guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the executive order directed the commissioner of administration, in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources, to create an information campaign to disseminate to other departments best methods and practices regarding energy efficiency and conservation and the benefits of adopting such practices and to update this campaign annually to include the latest innovations and best practices.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Senate does hereby commend Governor Bobby Jindal for issuing this far-sighted executive order and urges and requests the commissioner of administration to report on the progress of the implementation of Executive Order No. BJ 2008-8, as well as any cost savings to the state that have resulted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor Bobby Jindal.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE