

1 strategy and action item will be connected with funding characteristics, responsible parties,
2 timelines, and benchmarking/monitoring criteria for ongoing evaluation; and

3 WHEREAS, the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* process was funded entirely
4 through private funds (public funds were used only for printing and publication), the plan
5 was created and executed in an innovative public-private partnership between the Louisiana
6 Recovery Authority and nonprofit partners, and the *Louisiana Speaks* planning team was led
7 by top planners from across the country and from within Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* reflects the input of nearly twenty-
9 seven thousand Louisianians, representing every parish in the state, including people
10 displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita both within the state and across the nation,
11 including Louisianians of all ethnicities, demographics, and regions, and this input was
12 collected through a robust combination of statistically valid, randomized surveys, day-long,
13 map-based stakeholder workshops, and a massive "polling" campaign in which people from
14 across the state had a chance to "weigh in" on directions for the future of the state; and

15 WHEREAS, the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* was developed in cooperation and
16 consultation with members of the Louisiana Legislature; the Louisiana Coastal Protection
17 and Restoration Authority (CPRA), Louisiana Economic Development (LED), the Louisiana
18 division of administration, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
19 (DOTD), the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Louisiana Department
20 of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT), and other state agencies; the regional planning
21 commissions, metropolitan planning organizations and/or planning and development districts
22 representing metro New Orleans (including the Northshore), metro Baton Rouge, metro
23 Houma-Thibodaux, metro Lafayette, and metro Lake Charles; local and parish planners and
24 recovery-planning teams in Orleans Parish, Cameron Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Vermilion
25 Parish, Calcasieu Parish, and the other parishes in southern Louisiana; the Louisiana United
26 States congressional delegation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the
27 United States Army Corps of Engineers, and other federal partners; and

28 WHEREAS, the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* was built upon the solid planning
29 foundation created by the aforementioned entities, including but in no way limited to: the
30 CPRA Master Plan, the DOTD State Transportation Plan, the MPO Transportation

1 Improvement Plans, *Vision 2020*, and preexisting parish master plans; the Unified New
2 Orleans Plan and the New Orleans Recovery Plan, FEMA ESF-14 Parish Recovery Plans
3 and the Recovery Planning Tool, *Louisiana Speaks* design workshops for Cameron, St.
4 Bernard Parish, Vermilion Parish, and Lake Charles, and other recovery-planning efforts;
5 the *Louisiana Speaks Pattern Book* and *Louisiana Speaks Planning Toolkit*; and more; and

6 WHEREAS, the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* was developed in cooperation and
7 consultation with a distinguished group of Louisiana leaders from across the state in sectors
8 including civic, business, religious, nonprofit, and other positions of community leadership,
9 who have become known as "Champions" of Louisiana Speaks, and this Champions group
10 has helped ground-check the plan as it was developed and proposes to continue pushing for
11 the short- and long-term implementation of the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan*; and

12 WHEREAS, the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* recommends the creation of an
13 Office of State Planning that would work effectively to coordinate and add capacity to
14 existing state agencies, regional planning, and local planning by favoring incentives over
15 regulation (see *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan*, "“Vision Goal 3: Think Regionally” Actions
16 2.1-2.4); and

17 WHEREAS, though the office of planning and budget in the division of
18 administration currently has limited state planning responsibilities, its focus is primarily on
19 budget matters, and Louisiana Speaks has demonstrated the need for a comprehensive
20 approach to planning for the state and how effective and beneficial a comprehensive
21 approach to planning can be.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 urge and request Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco to establish a task force to study and
24 make recommendations for implementation of the recommendations of the *Louisiana Speaks*
25 *Regional Plan* relative to a comprehensive Office of State Planning, including proposed
26 legislation.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the conduct of the study the task force shall
28 be guided by the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* ("Vision Goal 3: Think Regionally"
29 Actions 2.1-2.4) and the forthcoming *Louisiana Speaks Strategic Implementation Plan*.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the
2 following members:

3 (1) Four members appointed by the governor.

4 (2) One member appointed by the commissioner of administration.

5 (3) One member of the Louisiana Speaks Champions group, appointed by the
6 chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

7 (4) A representative of each of the following groups or organizations, selected by
8 the respective group or organization:

9 (a) The Louisiana Recovery Authority.

10 (b) The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

11 (c) The Louisiana Police Jury Association.

12 (d) The Louisiana Municipal Association.

13 (e) The Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts.

14 (f) The American Planning Association, Louisiana Chapter.

15 (g) The Center for Planning Excellence.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that task force members shall serve at the pleasure
17 of their appointing authorities and vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original
18 appointment.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor shall be responsible for convening
20 the task force for its first meeting no later than August 30, 2007.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff for the task force shall be provided by the
22 Louisiana Recovery Authority planning staff and that all branches, departments, and
23 agencies of state and local government shall cooperate with and assist the work of the task
24 force as requested by the task force.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of
26 its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature by not later than
27 February 15, 2008.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
29 to Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and to Dr. Norman Francis, Chairman of the
30 Louisiana Recovery Authority.

DIGEST

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Requests the governor to establish a task force to study and make recommendations for implementation of *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* recommendations relative to a comprehensive Office of State Planning, including proposed legislation. Provides that the task force submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature not later than Feb. 15, 2008. Provides that, in the conduct of the study, the task force shall be guided by the *Louisiana Speaks Regional Plan* ("Vision Goal 3: Think Regionally" Actions 2.1-2.4) and the forthcoming *Louisiana Speaks Strategic Implementation Plan*.

Provides for task force membership as follows:

- (1) Four members appointed by the governor.
- (2) One member appointed by the commissioner of administration.
- (3) One member of the Louisiana Speaks Champions group, appointed by the chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.
- (4) A representative of each of the following, selected by the respective organization:
 - (a) The Louisiana Recovery Authority.
 - (b) The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.
 - (c) The Louisiana Police Jury Association.
 - (d) The Louisiana Municipal Association.
 - (e) The Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts.
 - (f) The American Planning Association, Louisiana Chapter.
 - (g) The Center for Planning Excellence.

Provides that task force members shall serve at the appointing authority's pleasure and that vacancies be filled in the manner of the original appointment. Makes the governor responsible for convening the task force's first meeting by 8/30/2007.

Provides that the Louisiana Recovery Authority planning staff shall provide staff for the task force. Provides that all branches, departments, and agencies of state and local government shall cooperate with and assist the work of the task force as requested by it.