



1           WHEREAS, the 2006 season consisted of record crowds, and season ticket sales  
2 were at an all-time high; and

3           WHEREAS, the expanding popularity of football has led many NFL teams over the  
4 past decade to build new stadiums to accommodate fans, media, and sponsors; and

5           WHEREAS, the New Orleans VooDoo of the Arena Football League (AFL) have  
6 been playing in the New Orleans Arena since 2004; and

7           WHEREAS, due to the growing popularity of arena football, the site for a new  
8 stadium and training facility would be an ideal location for the New Orleans VooDoo to train  
9 and practice; and

10          WHEREAS, the idea for a new stadium and training facility for the Saints has been  
11 discussed and debated for many years; and

12          WHEREAS, many locations throughout New Orleans are available as possible sites  
13 for a new stadium and training facility; and

14          WHEREAS, the Plaza Mall, once an economic beacon of New Orleans East, had  
15 long ago fallen onto hard times as anchor stores and businesses pulled out of the area; and

16          WHEREAS, this area of New Orleans was ravaged by the effects of Hurricane  
17 Katrina; and

18          WHEREAS, the building of a new stadium and training facility in this area would  
19 help in the recovery effort; and

20          WHEREAS, the long-term economic impact of a new stadium and training facility  
21 would be advantageous not only to this area, but to the entire city; and

22          WHEREAS, the Plaza Mall in New Orleans East should be strongly considered as  
23 a location to build a new stadium and training facility for the Saints.

24          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
25 urge and request the governor, the Saints organization, and the Louisiana Department of  
26 Economic Development to study and consider selecting the site of Plaza Mall in New  
27 Orleans East as the site for a new stadium and practice facility for the New Orleans Saints.

28          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
29 Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, Tom Benson, owner of the New

- 1 Orleans Saints, and Michael Olivier, Secretary of the Department of Economic
  - 2 Development.
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