

Resolution to the Louisiana State Senate and Louisiana House of Representatives

from

The Faculty and Staff Senates

of

The University of Louisiana at Monroe

in response to

Proposed Budget Cuts to Louisiana Higher Education

WHEREAS, Louisiana has reduced higher education funding by over \$700 million dollars since 2008, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana leads the nation in its reduction (53%) of funding for higher education, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has increased tuition and fees faster (52%) than any other state since 2010, and

WHEREAS, The University of Louisiana at Monroe is a major economic contributor to northeast Louisiana, is a significant employer for residents of northeast Louisiana, and plays an essential role in preparing residents of northeast Louisiana for high-demand and well-paying jobs, and

WHEREAS, further cuts will devastate the existence, accreditation, and quality of educational programs at The University of Louisiana at Monroe and, further, deny residents the opportunity

Done this day in the city of Monroe, Louisiana, on January 28, 2016.

Signed _____

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Signed _____

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