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8 URGING ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO UTILIZE
9 TRANSPARENCY WHEN EXECUTING CONTRACTS FOR TORNADO DAMAGE
10 REPAIRS AND RESTORATION TO PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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12 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2011, numerous tornadoes
13 ravaged the state, causing widespread devastation and
14 resulting in many areas of the state being declared federal
15 disaster areas; and

16 WHEREAS, because of the tornadoes, many public
17 schools, other local public buildings, and state properties
18 were damaged or destroyed; and

19 WHEREAS, existing law provides that certain
20 contracts for repairs and restoration to public properties
21 executed by the state and local agencies are not subject to
22 the competitive bidding process, which facilitates
23 transparency in the contracting process; and

24 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens
25 of this state for all contracts for repairs and restoration of
26 tornado damage to public properties to be open to the public
27 to insure fairness and equality in the award of these

1 contracts, as well as to promote the lowest practicable price
2 to minimize costs to taxpayers and property owners; now
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That all state and local agencies
6 entering into a contract for the repair or restoration of
7 damage to public property caused by the April 27, 2011,
8 tornadoes, whether subject to competitive bidding laws or not,
9 are urged to utilize transparency in the contracting process.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That transparency is
11 intended to include, but is not limited to, publicizing when
12 the contracts are executed, to whom the contracts are awarded,
13 whether the contract parties are resident individuals or
14 entities, and whether the contract parties are minority-owned
15 or woman-owned business entities.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That State Superintendent of
17 Education Joseph B. Morton is respectfully requested to
18 coordinate the transparency of contracts awarded for repairs
19 and restoration to public schools and other educational
20 facilities and properties and compile information regarding
21 these public contracts to be included in a quarterly report to
22 the Legislature, beginning June 1, 2011. A copy of this
23 resolution shall be provided to the State Superintendent of
24 Education so that the expectations concerning this issue are
25 clearly conveyed and implemented.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That State Director of
27 Finance David Perry is respectfully requested to coordinate

1 the transparency of contracts awarded for repairs and
2 restoration to public properties, unrelated to schools or
3 other educational facilities and properties, and compile
4 information regarding these public contracts to be included in
5 a quarterly report to the Legislature, beginning June 1, 2011.
6 A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the State
7 Director of Finance so that the expectations concerning this
8 issue are clearly conveyed and implemented.