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Resolutions for everyone: The list for New Orleans area officials in 2009

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It's the time of year for self-examination. And, as tradition dictates, we're expected to make a list of resolutions. If you haven't done that yet, there's still time to promise to eat better, exercise more, complain less, save more -- whatever it is you need to work on.

But forget your own foibles for a few minutes. No matter how many pounds you need to lose, there are a whole lot of people in positions of leadership who are in greater need of self-improvement.

With that in mind, here's The Times-Picayune's annual list of New Year's resolutions for public officials and personalities, both famous and infamous. We'll start with the most incorrigible group of 2008:

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We, the Louisiana Legislature, promise to never, ever, ever try to give ourselves an obscene midterm raise again. Belatedly, painfully, we came to understand that we do not deserve a triple-digit raise. Nor do we deserve to be the highest paid Legislature in the nation or even in the South.

We also promise to never underestimate the power held by Louisiana voters. And we swear that we will remember this year that we work for the people. If we forget again, we might be sent home early.

I, Gov. Bobby Jindal, pledge to veto every dumb bill that lands on my desk. I also pledge to continue to burnish Louisiana's reputation and build its economy.

I, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, resolve to get along with the City Council. I also resolve to be open with the council and the public about what my administration is doing -- and to resist the urge to be defensive about criticism.

We, the New Orleans Hornets, pledge to bring home a championship.

We, the fans, promise to make the Arena the noisiest place an opposing team could possibly play.

We, the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation, resolve to make sure that President-elect Barack Obama understands how vital it is to restore our coast and protect our communities from storms.

We, the Democratic leadership in Congress, resolve to make good on our promises to rebuild South Louisiana.

I, the new director of FEMA, whoever that may be, promise to ensure that this agency stops tormenting disaster victims with delayed aid, bureaucratic red tape and stonewalling.

We, the Louisiana Recovery Authority, resolve to finally get the state's Katrina cottages built. These were supposed to be quick alternatives to FEMA trailers. No more excuses. Seriously, this is embarrassing.

We, Levees.org, promise to keep working to keep the Corps of Engineers honest.

We, the Corps of Engineers, resolve to stop making petty attacks on Levees.org and do the job Congress ordered us to do: Protect South Louisiana from flooding.

We, ICF International, pledge to never seek another contract with the state of Louisiana or any of its parishes or cities after we finish our overpaid work on the Road Home Program.

I, New Orleans Police Superintendent Warren Riley, promise to stop blaming the Mississippi River for the city's crime rate. I also promise to stop acting as if the Police Department is irrelevant to public safety.

Resolutions for everyone

I, Mandeville Mayor Eddie Price, resolve not to be a threat to public safety this year. I also promise to buy my own meals and pay for my own vacations.

We, the St. Bernard Parish Council, resolve to stop approving discriminatory housing policies.

We, the Jefferson Parish School Board, promise to abide by the agreement we made to give West Bank students the resources they deserve and badly need.

We, the New Orleans Saints, resolve to find someone who can keep opposing quarterbacks from connecting on 40-yard bombs.

I, Drew Brees, resolve not to get hurt during the Pro Bowl.

I, Reggie Bush, promise to perfect the north-south run in the off season.

I, Deuce McAllister, promise to remain a New Orleanian even if I am no longer a Saint.

We, the Women of the Storm, **Citizens for One Greater New Orleans**, Court Watch NOLA, Citizens' Road Home Action Team and the scores of other citizen activists who are fighting to rebuild our communities, vow to continue to hold public officials accountable.

We, the Fleur-de-lis Ambassadors, pledge to continue to tell the story of New Orleans' recovery to the rest of the nation.

We, the residents of South Louisiana, resolve to keep working to rebuild this wonderful place, to make it better than it was before Katrina and to keep its spirit strong.

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