

1 WHEREAS, education and awareness are crucial tools that may assist in combating
2 suicide rates in Louisiana and nationwide; and

3 WHEREAS, research also demonstrates that increased public awareness of the
4 warning signs of suicide and awareness of appropriate and effective intervention strategies
5 reduce suicidal deaths; and

6 WHEREAS, annual World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10, 2016, and
7 September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month which promotes resources and
8 awareness around the issues of suicide prevention; and

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has an opportunity to lead and offer
10 openness and understanding about the causes, effects, and circumstances of Louisiana
11 citizens including military service members and veterans who have contemplated suicide.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 designate and recognize the month of September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
14 in Louisiana to raise public awareness of suicide prevention.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana urges greater
16 attention to military service members and veterans who are suffering with suicide and to the
17 mental health services and suicide prevention programs available to members of military
18 service members and veterans.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana encourages
20 initiatives dedicated to preventing suicide, assisting individuals who have attempted suicide,
21 creating safe and effective treatment for those at risk for suicide, and supporting people who
22 have lost someone to suicide.

DIGEST

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