

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 31, 2016, as Louisiana Public Health Association Legislative Appreciation Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Louisiana Public Health Association's (LPHA) celebration of the tireless work of Louisiana legislators to improve health outcomes for all Louisianans, which provides a strong foundation of security and well-being for citizens around the state; and

WHEREAS, by supporting health professionals and embracing the obligation to promote public health and to protect the residents of and visitors to the great state of Louisiana, LPHA and legislators uphold their shared responsibility to preserve the promise of a happy and healthy life for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, assuring that all Louisianans have access to quality, affordable health insurance is imperative for maintaining public health, and LPHA is proud that Louisiana has decided to participate in one of the greatest advances in our time with the expansion of Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, embracing this expansion has extended the peace of mind that comes with health coverage to all Louisianans; and

WHEREAS, public health challenges cannot be addressed by any one entity alone; in an increasingly interconnected state and world, new trials demand statewide and national attention; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as LPHA aim to strengthen the state public health system and to stop the spread of disease outbreaks by ensuring that our state has the capacity to promote health, prevent, detect, and respond to biological threats to our health and safety, and this cooperative effort helps confront the spread of the Zika virus; and

WHEREAS, the members of LPHA work tirelessly to assure the health of the world our children will live in long after we are gone; and

WHEREAS, LPHA urges the citizens of the state to treat all children as if they were our own; to accept the responsibility of leaving them with a healthier, cleaner planet; and to commit to a brighter, more secure future for all Louisianans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Tuesday, May 31, 2016, as Louisiana Public Health Association Legislative Appreciation Day at the state capitol and does hereby urge legislators, residents, government agencies, private businesses, non-profit organizations, and other groups to join in activities and take action to improve the health of our great state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Louisiana Public Health Association president Avis Gray.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES