

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATOR COLOMB

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU), through its eight institutions offers the most comprehensive education system in the state, with a public mission focused on education, research, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, *Forbes* ranks LSU among the Top 20 national universities that dominate in both academics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, LSU is the largest university in the state, educates over forty-eight thousand students, and maintains the highest graduation rate amongst Louisiana's public universities; and

WHEREAS, LSU's educational mission encompasses a broad array of academic programs, from two-year programs to doctoral programs, including programs in law and medicine, as well as expanded offerings in online education; and

WHEREAS, the only schools in the state for Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine are found within the LSU system; and

WHEREAS, LSU has the majority (51%) of the certified Centers of Excellence in the state; and

WHEREAS, LSU has over \$1.1 billion in total research dollars being utilized by LSU researchers across Louisiana working on developing a wide-range of innovations to improve quality of life for Louisiana and for citizens nationwide by studying issues such as disease management, advanced medical treatments, obesity, coastal protection, hurricane preparedness, energy, natural resource management, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, LSU employs faculty who are excellent, world renowned teacher-scholars who are nationally competitive in research and creative activities and outlets, and contribute greatly to a world-class knowledge base that is transferable to educational, professional, cultural, and economic enterprise, and who use their extensive talent and resources to solve economic, environmental, and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of the citizens of Louisiana as well as nationally have contributed to the support of Louisiana State University, and LSU has in turn provided quality education, basic and applied research, new and state of the art discoveries in all fields, numerous hours of volunteerism, and valuable public service; and

WHEREAS, LSU is Louisiana's most important economic asset, contributing over \$5.1 billion in total Louisiana sales, providing an estimated 41,000 jobs to communities and over \$1.9 billion in new statewide earnings, demonstrating that for every dollar provided by the state, LSU provides a \$13.25 return of economic activity; and

WHEREAS, LSU, as the nation's smartest investment, consistently ranks as one of the country's top values by *Kiplinger*, *Forbes*, *Money*, *SmartAsset*, and *PayScale*; and

WHEREAS, LSU remains one of the greatest investments for Louisiana while focused only on improving the quality of life for Louisiana's citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, April 16, 2019, as LSU Day at the state capitol and acknowledge LSU's valuable contributions to the residents of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to LSU President, F. King Alexander.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE