

2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATOR MORRISH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates September 1 thru 7, 2019, as Resiliency Week in Louisiana.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the week of September 1 through September 7, 2019, as Resiliency Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters, such as the 2016 floods in Louisiana and numerous recent hurricanes and storms, and it is most effective when implemented under a comprehensive, long-term mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is designed to assist states and local communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation recently signed into law, the Disaster Recovery Reform Act, makes available new dollars for states and communities to undertake pre-disaster mitigation measures and creates new incentives for states to build resiliently; and

WHEREAS, since 1908, natural disasters have cost this country more than one trillion dollars; and

WHEREAS, disasters affect local and state economies in lost payrolls, lost sales and income tax revenue, and increased disaster recovery times; and

WHEREAS, according to a FEMA-commissioned study conducted by the National

