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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR BARROW

COMMENDATIONS. Commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, and recognizes National Flag Week, June 14-20, 2020, in Louisiana.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777, and recognize
3	June 14-20, 2020, as National Flag Week in Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, in the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th which
5	commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777; and
6	WHEREAS, during National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation
7	urging the citizens of the United States to fly the American flag for the duration of that
8	week; and
9	WHEREAS, the American flag invokes pride in our citizens and hope in those who
10	come to our shores in search of a brighter tomorrow; and
11	WHEREAS, more than two hundred forty years ago, a small band of patriots
12	declared independence, proclaiming with one voice that we are free to determine our own
13	destiny and conduct the work of self-governance; and
14	WHEREAS, driven by their unyielding spirit and drawing inspiration from the stars
15	and stripes, a string of thirteen colonies later expanded to become a united fifty states, and
16	throughout our history, the American flag has steadfastly served as an emblem of this great
17	experiment in democracy; and
18	WHEREAS, with hands over hearts, Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs have

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1 2 long saluted Old Glory and honored its legacy, a powerful representation of freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, waving high above capitol buildings, courthouses, military bases, embassies across the globe, and on the distant surface of the moon, it calls on each of us to remember our obligations to the Republic for which it stands and to continue the unwavering optimism that defines us; and

WHEREAS, America endures because of the courage of servicemen and women who
serve under this standard, and our veterans are forever draped in the red, white, and blue
when they are laid to rest; and

- WHEREAS, wherever the flag lies or flies, its message is clear that we rise and fall
 together, as one nation and one people; and
- WHEREAS, during National Flag Week, we pledge our allegiance to the banner that
 has served as a guiding symbol on our nation's journey, and we celebrate the hope it inspires
 in the citizens of this great state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the ways it has embodied our ideals and sustained our
 nation, during National Flag Week, we pay tribute to Old Glory and continue striving to
 create a more perfect and indivisible union with liberty and justice for all.

18THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

- 19 does hereby commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 4, 1777, and
- 20 recognizes, June 14-20, 2020, as National Flag Week in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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