

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Monday, June 27, 2022, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in

3 Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, everyone has a right to the preservation of personal dignity; and

5 WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States deserve the investment of resources to

6 ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

7 WHEREAS, the diagnosis known as post-traumatic stress disorder was first defined

8 by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980 in order to more accurately understand and

9 treat veterans who endured severe, traumatic combat stress; and

10 WHEREAS, combat stress has historically been viewed incorrectly as a mental

11 illness caused by a pre-existing flaw of character or ability, and the word disorder carries a

12 stigma that perpetuates this misconception; and

13 WHEREAS, referring to complications from post-traumatic stress as a disorder

14 perpetuates the stigma of and bias against mental illness, and this stigma can discourage the

15 injured from seeking proper and timely medical treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, through the use of electro-magnetic imaging, the medical field has

17 demonstrated that the condition of post-traumatic stress is more accurately described as an

18 injury; and

19 WHEREAS, post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) is a common injury to the brain that

20 is treatable and repairable; and

1 WHEREAS, PTSI can occur as a result of severely traumatic events, including  
2 interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and combat disasters; and

3 WHEREAS, destigmatizing PTSI and honoring the bravery of persons recovering  
4 from this injury can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek help  
5 without fear of retribution or shame; and

6 WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSI deserve our compassion and  
7 consideration, and those who have received their wounds in action against an enemy of the  
8 United States further deserve our tribute and recognition; and

9 WHEREAS, proper and timely treatment can improve health outcomes and diminish  
10 rates of suicide among people with PTSI.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 recognize Monday, June 27, 2022, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in  
13 Louisiana.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby urge the Louisiana  
15 Department of Health and Department of Veterans Affairs to increase efforts to educate  
16 survivors of interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and natural disasters,  
17 veterans and their families, and the general public about the causes, symptoms, and  
18 treatments of post-traumatic stress injury.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 governor of Louisiana, the secretary of the Department of Health, and the secretary of the  
21 Department of Veterans Affairs.

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#### DIGEST

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