

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Counseling Association and to recognize Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana Counseling Association Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, approximately one in four adults in the United States experiences a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year; and

WHEREAS, significant percentages of America's homeless population, prisoners, and youth in juvenile justice systems live with a serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, in order to help meet the need for more and better mental health services, the Louisiana Counseling Association (LCA) was chartered in 1968 as a state branch of the American Counseling Association; and

WHEREAS, the LCA encompasses a broad spectrum of groups in the field of professional counseling, and, for its members, the association provides an opportunity to share information and grow professionally; and

WHEREAS, the LCA is a professional association that represents the many professional counselors in various work settings, including licensed professional counselors (LPC's), licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT's), school counselors, college counselors, college educators, substance abuse counselors, career counselors, multicultural counselors, and religious counselors; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the LCA include to organize, administer, and manage the structure of the organization so that it can more effectively fulfill its mission; to promote personal and professional development within the counseling profession; to promote professionalism within the counseling profession; to support public policy and legislation which enhances the counseling profession; and to promote the creation of knowledge and the dissemination of research within the counseling profession; and

WHEREAS, the LCA represents 6,376 counselors across the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, because the men and women of the LCA have made a significant and positive influence in communities throughout the state, the members of the association merit a special measure of commendation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members of the Louisiana Counseling Association for their unwavering commitment to excellence in serving the citizens of Louisiana and does hereby designate Wednesday, April 23, 2025, as Louisiana Counseling Association Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana Counseling Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE