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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 30, 2025, as "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, hunger and food insecurity affect approximately 683,110 households
4	in Louisiana, impacting individuals and families regardless of age, race, or background; and
5	WHEREAS, Louisiana had the country's second highest rate of child poverty in
6	2024; with more than 25% of Louisiana children experiencing food insecurity, childhood
7	hunger is of particular concern for the many children who face daily challenges in accessing
8	nutritious meals needed for healthy development and education; and
9	WHEREAS, Louisiana's rate of food insecurity among seniors is 14%, which is the
10	highest in the nation; senior hunger is a serious concern as many elderly citizens face the
11	choice of buying food, medicine, or paying for housing; and
12	WHEREAS, food insecurity is shown to increase serious, lifelong health
13	complications in children and adults; and
14	WHEREAS, Feeding Louisiana has demonstrated outstanding leadership and
15	commitment in the fight against hunger, working in collaboration with a network of five
16	regional food banks: Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, Food Bank of Northeast
17	Louisiana, Food Bank of Central Louisiana, Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, and Second
18	Harvest Food Bank; Feeding Louisiana partners with agencies and individuals across the
19	state to distribute food, support nutrition programs, and advocate for policies that reduce
20	hunger and improve food security; and

1 WHEREAS, the efforts of Feeding Louisiana and its partners are vital in addressing 2 both the symptoms and the root cause of hunger and make a tangible difference in the lives 3 of countless Louisianans by ensuring access to nutritious food for vulnerable citizens, 4 including children and seniors; and 5 WHEREAS, the need for food and support in our communities continues to grow 6 despite the significant contributions of Feeding Louisiana; food banks, local organizations, 7 charities, schools, and community groups work together to bring statewide awareness, 8 collaboration, and action to address this issue; and 9 WHEREAS, the declaration of "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana serves as a powerful 10 statement of our collective commitment to end hunger, raises awareness about the issue of 11 food insecurity and the ways in which every citizen can contribute to the fight against it, and 12 strengthens the bonds of community and compassion that define our state. 13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 14 designate Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as "Anti-Hunger Day" in Louisiana; does hereby 15 extend heartfelt gratitude to Feeding Louisiana for its leadership and tireless efforts in the 16 fight against hunger; does hereby recognize the critical importance of the work done to 17 address hunger in Louisiana, especially regarding children and our senior citizens; and does 18 hereby encourage all citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations in Louisiana to observe 19 "Anti-Hunger Day" by participating in or supporting activities and initiatives aimed at 20 reducing hunger and improving food security in the community.

## DIGEST

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