

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND AND ST.  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 6, 2025, as Main Street Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, since 1984, Louisiana Main Street has helped communities revitalize their historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts, celebrating community character and generating impressive economic returns; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street has produced a strong return on investment, with every one dollar invested into the state program generating one hundred thirteen dollars of new investment back into downtowns and commercial corridors in Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's thirty-seven designated communities have generated impressive results over the last forty-one years, logging 16,809 new jobs, 3,974 new businesses, \$573 million in private investment, \$459 million in public investment, and 1.3 million volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street leads a statewide network of designated communities including Abbeville, Bastrop, Columbia, Crowley, Denham Springs, DeRidder, Donaldsonville, Eunice, Franklin, Hammond, Homer, Houma, Kenner, Leesville, Minden, Monroe, Morgan City, Natchitoches, New Iberia, New Roads, Opelousas, Plaquemine, Ponchatoula, Ruston, Slidell, Springhill, St. Francisville, St. Martinville, Thibodaux, West Monroe, Winnfield, and Winnsboro, and the Broad Street, Lower Ninth Ward, North Rampart Street, O.C. Haley Boulevard, and Old Algiers districts in the city of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street also works with communities on the pathway to potential designation, and currently Broussard and Jonesville are "Lagniappe" communities; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street communities are also part of a national network of more than one thousand six hundred Main Street communities, led by Main Street America; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street program is a proven model for economic development when downtown and neighborhood commercial districts grow, the whole community grows; and

WHEREAS, leaders from Main Street communities from all corners of Louisiana are gathering at the state capitol today.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 6, 2025, as Main Street Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend Louisiana Main Street and its thirty-seven designated communities for their outstanding downtown revitalization efforts throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the assistant secretary of the office of cultural development in the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and the lieutenant governor of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES