

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 2025 as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 2025 as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) is a rare genetic disorder that affects  
4 three hundred fifty thousand people worldwide; the condition was first identified in 1956 by  
5 Swiss doctors Andrea Prader, Alexis Labhart, and Heinrich Willi, and it was confirmed as  
6 a genetic disorder related to the fifteenth chromosome in 1981; and

7 WHEREAS, PWS symptoms vary with age and are characterized by chronic hunger,  
8 growth hormone deficiency, and behavior challenges; immediately after birth, PWS  
9 symptoms including muscle weakness, feeding difficulties, and distinct facial features are  
10 noticeable; and

11 WHEREAS, the toddler and childhood years see a shift in PWS symptoms with the  
12 emergence of insatiable hunger, learning challenges, and behavioral issues; in adulthood,  
13 individuals with PWS face a blend of health issues and social concerns; adults experience  
14 endocrine issues, orthopedic problems, and mental health concerns; and

15 WHEREAS, the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association recognizes May as Prader-Willi  
16 Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness and celebrate the achievements of  
17 individuals with PWS.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 2025 as Prader-Willi Syndrome  
20 Awareness Month in Louisiana and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to support  
21 initiatives that bring greater awareness of and support to the rare disease community.

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