

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY SENATOR MYERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the month of May as Water Safety Awareness Month in Louisiana and to designate May fourteenth of each year as "Louisiana Water Safety Awareness Day"; to honor the life and enduring spirit of Mazie Leah Broussard; and to commend Mazie's Mission and its founders, Heather and Adam Broussard, for their unwavering dedication to promoting water safety education and preventing drowning deaths throughout the state.

WHEREAS, drowning is a preventable tragedy and remains the leading cause of death for children ages one to four, and the third leading cause of death for Louisiana children ages one to fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has seen alarming trends, including a sixty percent increase in infant and child drowning deaths from 2019 to 2020, and has ranked as high as fourth in the nation for child drowning rates among children ages one to fourteen; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty years, May has been nationally recognized as Water Safety Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness and educating the public on the importance of safe practices in and around water to prevent accidents, injuries, and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is supported by key national organizations such as the World Waterpark Association, the National Recreation and Park Association, the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, the American Red Cross, and the National Drowning Prevention Alliance; and

WHEREAS, public service announcements, educational programming, and government proclamations during Water Safety Awareness Month help to promote life-saving practices including active supervision, swim education, physical water barriers, and the use of flotation devices; and

WHEREAS, among the most impactful influences for water safety was Mazie Leah Broussard, a radiant and spirited seventeen-month-old girl whose life was tragically lost to accidental drowning in October 2020; and

WHEREAS, following this unimaginable loss, her parents, Heather and Adam Broussard, founded Mazie's Mission, a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting water safety education and drowning prevention throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, under the tireless leadership of Heather and Adam Broussard, Mazie's Mission has become a powerful force for public education and community action, equipping families with vital knowledge and advocating for stronger safety measures in homes, schools, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and resilience demonstrated by Heather and Adam Broussard and Mazie's Mission stand as a moving example of turning grief into purpose and a model of compassionate advocacy; and

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper for the state of Louisiana to formally recognize and support these life-saving efforts and to honor the legacy of Mazie Leah Broussard by advancing awareness and education that can prevent future tragedies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the month of May as Water Safety Awareness Month and designates May fourteenth of each year as "Louisiana Water Safety Awareness Day".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby honor the life and spirit of Mazie Leah Broussard, does commend the vital work of Mazie's Mission and its founders Heather and Adam Broussard, and expresses deep gratitude for their continued efforts to save lives through education, outreach, and advocacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Heather and Adam Broussard, founders of Mazie's Mission.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES