

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To designate the month of May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare and complex genetic disorder caused by the loss of function in specific genes on chromosome fifteen; and

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome affects approximately one in every fifteen thousand births, making it one of the most common rare genetic disorders; and

WHEREAS, although not widely known, PWS significantly impacts the lives of those affected, as well as their families, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, individuals with PWS may experience a range of symptoms including intellectual disabilities, behavioral challenges, poor muscle tone, short stature, and an insatiable hunger that can lead to life-threatening obesity and related health complications such as type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, although there is currently no cure for Prader-Willi Syndrome, individuals benefit greatly from early diagnosis, specialized medical care, therapeutic interventions, and carefully managed diets and support systems; and

WHEREAS, in the great state of Louisiana, we recognize that our strength is not defined by the obstacles we face, but by the courage and resilience with which we respond to them; and

WHEREAS, designating May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month will help raise public awareness, foster understanding, and promote advocacy and research to improve the lives of those living with PWS; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commend the families, advocates, and healthcare professionals who work tirelessly to support individuals with PWS and to increase awareness of this challenging condition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the month of May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate encourages all citizens to support continued research efforts, advocate for enhanced funding and resources, and stand in solidarity with those affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE