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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, physical therapy is instrumental in preserving independence, promoting functional recovery, and improving the quality of life for individuals by addressing movement impairments with evidence-based interventions that reduce disability and enhance

1 a person's overall well-being; and

2 WHEREAS, early access to physical therapy services has shown to improve health
3 outcomes, mitigating the need for opioid use and surgical interventions, and contributing to
4 cost containment within the healthcare system by preventing the progression of movement
5 disorders into more severe and debilitating conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chapter's vision is to advocate for physical therapy as the
7 preferred choice for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of neuromusculoskeletal
8 conditions and movement dysfunctions, thereby advancing a model of healthcare that
9 prioritizes noninvasive, patient-centered care; and

10 WHEREAS, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants uphold the highest
11 standards of professionalism, demonstrating principles of altruism, excellence, integrity,
12 respect, communication, and accountability while collaborating with other healthcare
13 professionals to promote optimal health and wellness at both individual and community
14 levels; and

15 WHEREAS, the dedication and expertise of members of the Louisiana Chapter have
16 had a profound and positive impact on communities throughout the state, improving lives
17 through increased access to high-quality rehabilitative and preventative care, and their
18 unwavering commitment to advancing the profession and enhancing healthcare delivery
19 merits special recognition.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 hereby commends the members of the American Physical Therapy Association-Louisiana
22 Chapter for their exemplary service, professional excellence, and significant contributions
23 to the well-being of Louisiana's citizens and hereby designates Thursday, May 29, 2025, as
24 Physical Therapy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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