

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

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A RESOLUTION

To commend the American Physical Therapy Association-Louisiana Chapter for its contributions to healthcare and designate Thursday, May 29, 2025, as Physical Therapy Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the American Physical Therapy Association, founded in 1921, sought to serve persons who sacrificed so much for our nation in World War I and is an individual membership professional organization representing 100,000 members consisting of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students of physical therapy with a commitment to transform lives and strengthen the physical therapy profession; and

WHEREAS, the American Physical Therapy Association-Louisiana Chapter serves as the principal membership organization representing and advancing the physical therapy profession, with a mission to enhance physical health, mobility, and functional abilities across all stages of life, from infancy through aging, while reinforcing the profession's critical role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and neuromusculoskeletal conditions; and

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 a person's overall well-being; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE