

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, March 23, 2026, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) was created by Act No. 409 of the 1968 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana to promote, preserve, and develop the use of French across the state and to ensure the language's continued role in shaping the state's future and identity; and

WHEREAS, today, CODOFIL is housed within the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, under the Office of Cultural Development; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the only state in the country with an official government agency that is dedicated to the advancement of French, and CODOFIL has worked for over nearly six decades to support the French language in education, cultural programming, tourism, international relations, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's efforts to sustain its brand and ensure its cultural vibrancy for future economic growth are predicated on its robust bilingual educational system and continued relations with international partners, including France, Belgium, Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS, CODOFIL has played a key role in the creation and continued impact of several important Louisiana initiatives, including Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, Festival International de Louisiane, French immersion education in the state's public schools, and the state's continued engagement with the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the first state in the United States to be accepted into the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, an organization of ninety-three French countries from around the world that represents three hundred twenty-one million French-speaking people; and

WHEREAS, as Louisiana's state agency for Francophone affairs, CODOFIL continuously nurtures and grows international partnerships, and these partnerships have resulted in economic growth for the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, March 23, 2026, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend CODOFIL for its enduring contributions to the cultural identity and economic success of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES