

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize the museum's contributions to early childhood education, family engagement, and economic vitality in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum, a nonprofit educational and cultural organization located in BREC's City-Brooks Park in Baton Rouge, opened in August 2017 with the support of one million twenty-five thousand dollars in state funding appropriated in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the museum is grounded in research demonstrating the critical role of play in early brain development and focuses on unique and impactful, playful learning experiences, and bonding with supportive adults for children from birth through age eight; and

WHEREAS, since opening, Knock Knock Children's Museum has welcomed more than one million five hundred thousand visitors, including more than one hundred forty thousand annually, with families traveling from all sixty-four Louisiana parishes, all fifty states, and numerous countries; and

WHEREAS, the museum strengthens the quality of life and economy of the Capital Region while helping close knowledge and opportunity gaps through its Access for All programs, which serve more than twenty thousand children each year, including children with disabilities, special needs, and families with limited financial resources; and

WHEREAS, through its eighteen interactive learning zones, the museum provides a safe and inclusive space where children and families learn together while building early literacy, critical thinking, creativity, STEAM skills, and exploring career pathways; and

WHEREAS, Knock Knock Children's Museum also supports educators across Louisiana by providing professional learning opportunities that promote innovative teaching strategies in early childhood and elementary education; and

WHEREAS, the museum serves as a valuable community resource that connects families to regional experts and expertise, strengthens family bonds, and prepares Louisiana's youngest learners for future success.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and commends the museum for its outstanding contributions to early childhood education, community engagement, and economic development in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate expresses its appreciation for the museum's ongoing mission to be a community spark for engaging, playful learning experiences that inspire and support lifelong learning, and in opening doors for children to a world of opportunity and possibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the board, Alexandra Layfield, and the executive director of the Knock Knock Children's Museum.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE