

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as HIV and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment Awareness Day at the state capitol and to recognize the Louisiana Commission on HIV and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment for its commitment to improving public health outcomes across the state.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Commission on HIV and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment was established by the Louisiana Legislature to serve as an advisory body to the governor, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislature on matters related to HIV and Hepatitis C education, prevention, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the commission is composed of healthcare providers, public health professionals, and individuals with lived experience and provides a collaborative environment with diverse expertise to inform policy and program development; and

WHEREAS, HIV and Hepatitis C are significant public health concerns in Louisiana that impact thousands of residents and require ongoing, coordinated efforts in education, prevention, and access to care; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention strategies, early diagnosis, and access to appropriate treatment are necessary to improve health outcomes, reduce transmission, and enhance quality of life for individuals living with HIV and Hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, the commission works to educate people about evidence-based policies and programs that expand access to care, remove systemic barriers, promote health equity, and improve coordination across public and private healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education play pivotal roles to reduce stigma, encourage testing, and connect individuals to life-saving and life-sustaining treatment; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has made innovative and collaborative efforts to address HIV and Hepatitis C and demonstrated the importance of strategic partnerships and sustained public health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the importance of continued education, prevention, and treatment efforts, which help to strengthen the state response to these conditions and support the wellbeing of all residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as HIV and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment Awareness Day at the state capitol and does hereby recognize the Louisiana Commission on HIV and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment for its dedication to advancing education, prevention, and treatment efforts and for its service to the people of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES