

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates the month of May as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the month of May as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, about 4.7 million children in the United States currently have asthma;
4 nearly twenty-eight million people in the United States have asthma, and more than four
5 hundred sixty-seven thousand adults and children in Louisiana have asthma; and

6 WHEREAS, asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable diseases among
7 children, and more than a million individuals visit emergency departments each year because
8 of the effects of asthma; asthma is a leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the total economic cost of asthma in the United States was \$81.9 billion
11 per year from 2008 to 2013, which is approximately \$115 billion when adjusted for inflation;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Black, Hispanic, and indigenous individuals in the United States face
14 the highest burden of asthma; and

15 WHEREAS, more than twenty-one million people in the United States have food
16 allergies, including nearly four million children; the presence of food allergies has increased
17 among American children over the past twenty years, especially among Black children; and

18 WHEREAS, children with food allergies are two to four times more likely to have
19 asthma or other allergic diseases; people with asthma and food allergies need access to
20 affordable health insurance and affordable medications and devices; and

1 WHEREAS, asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the lives of more than three
2 thousand people in the United States in 2023, including thirty-three in Louisiana.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the month of May as Asthma and Allergy
5 Awareness Month in Louisiana and does hereby recognize the importance of raising
6 awareness for people with asthma and allergies in the state.

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