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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 211

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES