

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 294

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A RESOLUTION

To recognize June 2, 2026, as National Mississippi River Day, urging all people to celebrate, protect, and restore the Mississippi River and its watershed by participating in events, signing up as One Mississippi "River Citizens", and taking action to safeguard this invaluable resource for generations to come.

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is one of our nation's most iconic and vital waterways, spanning approximately two thousand three hundred fifty miles from Minnesota to Louisiana and uniting ten mainstem states and thirty-two tributary states in its watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River has been deeply woven into the lives of indigenous peoples for thousands of years, sustaining communities through nourishment, travel, and trade while also holding profound cultural, spiritual, and ancestral significance; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River serves as a critical source of drinking water for over twenty million Americans, a vital habitat for diverse fish and wildlife, and a powerful economic engine supporting commerce, agriculture, tourism, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the river supplies the heart of a migratory flyway for sixty percent of North America's bird species, provides habitat for at least two hundred sixty fish species, and sustains numerous amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, making it one of the world's most important ecological corridors; and

WHEREAS, the health of the Mississippi River is under threat from pollution, habitat loss, climate change, and other environmental stressors, which impact the communities, economies, and ecosystems that depend on it; and

WHEREAS, protecting and restoring the Mississippi River requires collaboration across states, agencies, organizations, individuals, and communities to implement sustainable and regenerative conservation practices, to restore wetlands and floodplains, and to reduce agricultural and urban runoff to improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River connects millions of people, reflecting our shared history, culture, and responsibility to ensure its vitality for future generations; and

WHEREAS, One Mississippi is a national outreach and advocacy organization dedicated to protecting, restoring, and strengthening the Mississippi River by connecting a growing community of over twenty thousand "River Citizens" to take action on issues regarding the river's water quality, wildlife, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, One Mississippi and its network of seventy-eight organizations and "River Citizens" are inviting the public to take action, whether through conservation efforts, advocacy, or simply enjoying the river and building community; and

WHEREAS, One Mississippi's upcoming River Days of Action event, which will be held June 1st through 15th, provides a perfect opportunity for people across the region to come together to restore, celebrate, and advocate for a healthier river.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize June 2, 2026, as National Mississippi River Day, urging all people to celebrate, protect, and restore the Mississippi River and its watershed by participating in events, signing up as One Mississippi "River Citizens", and taking action to safeguard this invaluable resource for generations to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES