

1 WHEREAS, destigmatizing PTSD and honoring the bravery of persons recovering
2 from this injury can favorably influence those affected and encourage them to seek help
3 without fear of retribution or shame; and

4 WHEREAS, proper and timely treatment can improve health outcomes and diminish
5 rates of suicide among people with PTSD; and

6 WHEREAS, all citizens suffering from PTSD deserve our compassion and
7 consideration, and those who have received their wounds in action against an enemy of the
8 United States further deserve our tribute and recognition.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 recognize the month of June 2017 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby urge the Louisiana
12 Department of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase efforts to educate
13 survivors of abuse, crime, and natural disaster; service members; veterans and their families;
14 and the general public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress
15 injury.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 governor of Louisiana, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the
18 secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DIGEST

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