

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as New Orleans Day at the Legislature of

3 Louisiana, to commend the city of New Orleans, and to provide for a suitable

4 observance of this special day.

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana is nationally and internationally recognized as perhaps the

6 most unique state in the nation; with an amazing variety of natural and cultural attractions

7 and significant historical sites, the city of New Orleans plays a vital role in the distinction

8 that Louisiana enjoys; and

9 WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans was founded in 1718 by Jean Baptiste Le

10 Moyne, Sieur de Bienville; it is called the Crescent City because of its location on a sharp

11 bend, or crescent, on the Mississippi River; the original town was given a French name,

12 Vieux Carré, which translates to French Quarter in English; and

13 WHEREAS, the Crescent City has morphed from humble beginnings as a transit and

14 settlement hub into a unique multicultural basin shaped by two hundred ninety-nine years

15 of rich history, and is worthy of recognition for serving as a gateway to one of America's

16 most unusual states with a diverse cultural heritage and singular historical legacy; and

17 WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans ranks as a popular travel destination, drawing

18 visitors from all over the world; and

19 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the global prominence of the city of New

20 Orleans as home to one of America's largest ports and most affordable airports; and

1 WHEREAS, the legislature celebrates Louis Armstrong New Orleans International
2 Airport, which has set records for passengers served and plays a key role in bolstering the
3 city's economy; and

4 WHEREAS, New Orleans, while celebrating its extraordinary history, is also a
5 dynamic and modern city and is home to diverse industries including tourism; aerospace; oil
6 and gas; shipbuilding; manufacturing; telecommunications; film; music; visual, performing,
7 and design arts; financial institutions; and facilities for scientific and medical research; and

8 WHEREAS, such diverse economic activity in the city has generated a substantial
9 amount of revenue for the state treasury; and

10 WHEREAS, more than nine million people visit the city annually and contribute to
11 its economic prosperity; New Orleans' famous restaurants, elegant hotels, fabulous retail
12 shops, and a wealth of entertainment venues are patronized by eager visitors; and

13 WHEREAS, New Orleans' great festivals attract guests from around the world; the
14 city averages almost one-half million people at Jazz Fest, more than one-half million at
15 French Quarter Fest, and nearly one million during Mardi Gras; and

16 WHEREAS, New Orleans offers a bevy of cultural treasures, such as the National
17 World War II Museum, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Contemporary Arts Center,
18 the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, the Audubon Nature Institute, and world-renowned
19 musicians and entertainers who call New Orleans home; and

20 WHEREAS, countless galleries in New Orleans display international and local art
21 clustered in and around the French Quarter and the nearby Warehouse District, and a
22 beautiful venue for the performing arts and Broadway musicals at the recently remodeled
23 Saenger Theatre is among the city's offerings; and

24 WHEREAS, people of myriad and varied cultural backgrounds have contributed to
25 the wonderful mixture of sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that make New Orleans an
26 incredible and remarkable place for those who call it home and those who come calling.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
28 designate Wednesday, April 19, 2017, as New Orleans Day at the Legislature; does hereby
29 commend the city of New Orleans; and does hereby provide that this special day shall be

1 observed with an appropriate recognition of the unique history and culture of the Crescent
2 City.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to the Honorable John Bel Edwards, governor of the state of Louisiana, and the Honorable
5 Mitchell J. Landrieu, mayor of the city of New Orleans.

DIGEST

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