

1 WHEREAS, PTSD can occur as a result of severely traumatic events including,
2 without limitation, interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and natural
3 disasters; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, proper and timely treatment can improve health outcomes and diminish
11 rates of suicide among people with PTSD.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 recognize the month of June 2019 as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Month and
14 does hereby recognize Thursday, June 27, 2019, as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness
15 Day in Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature does hereby urge the Louisiana
17 Department of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase efforts to educate
18 survivors of interpersonal violence, combat, life-threatening accidents, and natural disasters;
19 veterans and their families; and the general public about the causes, symptoms, and
20 treatments of post-traumatic stress injury.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to the governor of Louisiana and the secretary of state.

DIGEST

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