

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To recognize April 11, 2019, as Louisiana Children's Trust Fund Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund was established in 1983; and

WHEREAS, following a devastating child abuse fatality the Louisiana Legislature unanimously passed the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund Act to prioritize and separate funds for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana became the fifth state in the United States of America to establish a Children's Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund is to prevent child abuse and neglect among Louisiana's children and families through building strong cross-sector partnerships and through increased child safety public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund serves as a catalyst for abuse and neglect prevention efforts within the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the chief responsibilities of the fund include creation of a state plan for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, presentation of its annual review to the governor and the legislature, and funding community-based child abuse and neglect programs to public and nonprofit organizations through its grant process; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes that the safety of Louisiana's children is of the utmost importance for the well-being of our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund, in collaboration with statewide partners, engages individuals and communities in a coordinated effort to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to further promote awareness of positive programs aimed at ending this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund as important to furthering the development in our state and appreciates the hard work, dedication, and efficiency of programs sponsored by the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 11, 2019, as Louisiana Children's Trust Fund Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director and executive administrative assistant of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE