

1 WHEREAS, according to public policy researchers, reduction of the social effects
2 of sexual assault requires focus upon multiple venues; and

3 WHEREAS, law enforcement authorities must thoroughly investigate instances of
4 sexual assault, gather and examine physical evidence, and apprehend predators; and

5 WHEREAS, however, in cases of sexual assault, due to limited funding, rape
6 evidence kits often go unprocessed, and predators continue to prey upon victims; and

7 WHEREAS, criminal justice system are called upon to prosecute assault cases,
8 render appropriate punishment, effectively rehabilitate sex offenders, and monitor their
9 whereabouts through a lifelong sex offender registry; and

10 WHEREAS, mental health treatment, social services, and community outreach
11 programs provide the victims of sexual exploitation with support and recovery, and survivors
12 are further empowered through advocacy programs that utilize therapeutic approaches and
13 which emphasize the value of self-autonomy; and

14 WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month encourages lawmakers and
15 communities to join together to work to prevent sexual assault through education and, in
16 certain cases, intervention, and these endeavors help to uphold the social contract and to
17 promote a healthy environment and a culture of physical safety.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 designate April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Louisiana and hereby
20 recognizes that sexual violence is an issue of public health, human rights, and social justice
21 that requires preventative efforts by the citizens of Louisiana.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 president and chief executive officer of Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response.

DIGEST

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