

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes June 26, 2023, as National HIV Testing Awareness Day in support of the efforts of the federal government in ending the HIV epidemic in the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize June 26, 2023, as National HIV Testing Awareness Day and to support the  
3 efforts of the federal government in ending the HIV epidemic in the state of  
4 Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, in 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services launched  
6 the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" (EHE) initiative with the goal of reducing new Human  
7 Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections by 90% by 2030, through the four key pillars of  
8 the EHE initiative: diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond; and

9 WHEREAS, many people may experience health literacy barriers due to social  
10 determinants, and this lack of awareness may limit an individual's ability to recognize and  
11 advocate for necessary medical care including treatment that is best suited for their health  
12 needs, and engage in a shared decision-making approach with their providers; and

13 WHEREAS, disparities in diagnosis and health outcomes are driven by a broad range  
14 of factors such as access to reliable testing resources and treatments which can positively  
15 impact health outcomes by directing patients to appropriate care; and

16 WHEREAS, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved multiple  
17 pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications that are extremely effective at preventing  
18 individuals from acquiring HIV, as studies have shown a correlation between increased PrEP

