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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY SENATOR CLOUD

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Monday, April 21, 2025, as Light of Justice and Resilience Day in Louisiana.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To designate Monday, April 21, 2025, as Light of Justice and Resilience Day in Louisiana,
3	recognizing it as a statewide day of reflection and support for survivors of religious
4	clergy sexual abuse and honoring their resilience, pursuit of justice, and journey of
5	healing.
6	WHEREAS, survivors of sexual abuse by clergy have experienced profound trauma,
7	betrayal, and loss, with many carrying the weight of their experiences for years without
8	acknowledgment or justice; and
9	WHEREAS, survivors of religious clergy sexual abuse have bravely come forward
10	to share their stories, shining a light on the abuse they endured and advocating for change
11	within institutions and society; and
12	WHEREAS, these survivors have become voices for justice, leading efforts to hold
13	perpetrators accountable, reform institutional practices, and ensure the protection of future
14	generations from abuse; and
15	WHEREAS, the month of April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault
16	Awareness Month, a time to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate
17	communities on how to prevent it; and
18	WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, recognized annually by the U.S.

1	Department of Justice, is observed in April to honor crime victims and highlight the progress
2	made in ensuring justice and support for survivors; and
3	WHEREAS, designating Monday, April 21, 2025, as Light of Justice and Resilience
4	Day will provide an opportunity for communities throughout Louisiana to honor survivors
5	of religious clergy sexual abuse and stand in solidarity with their pursuit of healing and
6	justice; and
7	WHEREAS, this day will serve as a powerful reminder that survivors are not alone,
8	their voices matter, and their resilience paves the way for a safer and more just society; and
9	WHEREAS, through education, remembrance, and action, Light of Justice and
10	Resilience Day will promote awareness, foster healing, and inspire continued advocacy for
11	survivor rights and protections; and
12	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana remains committed to supporting survivors of
13	sexual abuse, addressing the impacts of trauma, and ensuring justice through
14	survivor-centered policies and programs.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	designate Monday, April 21, 2025, as Light of Justice and Resilience Day in Louisiana to
17	honor the courage and strength of survivors of religious clergy sexual abuse and to promote
18	statewide reflection on justice, healing, and resilience.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
20	TentMakers of Louisiana, in recognition of their steadfast advocacy for survivors and their
21	continued efforts to promote healing and justice.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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