

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY SENATOR MIZELL

PUBLIC HEALTH. Commends the Louisiana Department of Health's launching of Project Maternal Overdose Mortality (Project M.O.M.).

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Department of Health's launching of Project Maternal Overdose Mortality (Project M.O.M.).

WHEREAS, accidental opioid overdose has been the leading cause of pregnancy-associated death in Louisiana since 2018; and

WHEREAS, every preventable death is a tragedy, but the death of a pregnant woman or young mom doubles the tragedy, as the loss of the mother endangers her child; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the urgent crisis of accidental opioid overdose as the leading cause of pregnancy-associated death, the Louisiana Department of Health has launched Project Maternal Overdose Mortality (Project M.O.M.); and

WHEREAS, the goal of Project M.O.M. is to reduce pregnancy-associated opioid overdose deaths by eighty percent within three years by scaling best practices and pilot programs across Louisiana that increase substance use screening across prenatal providers and facilities, increase availability and access to substance use disorder treatments including medications for opioid use disorder, improve care coordination for pregnant and postpartum women, including linking emergency department overdoses to rapid outpatient treatment, and increase accessibility of lifesaving medications including naloxone to prevent overdose mortality; and

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana has several successful initiatives across the state that support  
2 Project M.O.M.; and

3 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Bridge Program has been implemented in five hospitals  
4 in the Lake Charles region; and

5 WHEREAS, this region saw a thirty-five percent decrease in overdose mortality after  
6 the Bridge expansion, while the rest of Louisiana's overdose rates were actually increasing;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Bridge Program is an intervention designed to address the  
9 alarming rate of overdose deaths by scaling up buprenorphine access, patient navigation  
10 programs, harm reduction services, and take-home naloxone in emergency departments; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana's program provides continuity of care to persons entering  
12 emergency departments with substance use disorder; and

13 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative works with birthing  
14 facilities across the state to improve screening and harm reduction for mothers and infants  
15 impacted by substance use disorder; and

16 WHEREAS, as of 2025, forty-five birthing hospitals participate in this effort to  
17 increase screening and offer brief intervention; and

18 WHEREAS, additionally, in 2024, five hospitals participated in the Naloxone  
19 Project, and nearly one hundred moms walked out of the hospital with this lifesaving opioid  
20 referral agent in hand; and

21 WHEREAS, over seven thousand naloxone kits have been distributed to thirty-eight  
22 birthing hospitals; and

23 WHEREAS, Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge has opened the nation's fourth  
24 perinatal mental health unit; and

25 WHEREAS, Our Lady of Angels in Bogalusa developed a specialized Family  
26 Medicine-OB Partnership to expand access to medications for opioid use disorder for  
27 pregnant women with substance use disorder and to provide integrated primary care  
28 throughout their journey; and

29 WHEREAS, Our Lady of Angels has also implemented targeted treatment plans for  
30 infants exposed to substances that improved withdrawal care, shortened hospital stays, and

1 supported mother-infant bonding; and

2 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health is working to expand the number  
3 of residential substance use facilities where a woman's newborn and children can live with  
4 their mom who is receiving care; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to 2024, there were three residential substance use facilities in  
6 Louisiana and that number is expected to increase to nine by 2026; and

7 WHEREAS, through the expansion of these initiatives, Project M.O.M. has the  
8 potential to save many lives and preserve families.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
10 does hereby commend the Louisiana Department of Health on launching Project M.O.M.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
12 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.  
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