

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR FOIL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates the month of May as Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) Month in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the month of May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare and complex genetic disorder
4 caused by the loss of function in specific genes on chromosome fifteen; and

5 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome affects approximately one in every fifteen
6 thousand births, making it one of the most common rare genetic disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, although not widely known, PWS significantly impacts the lives of
8 those affected, as well as their families, caregivers, and communities; and

9 WHEREAS, individuals with PWS may experience a range of symptoms including
10 intellectual disabilities, behavioral challenges, poor muscle tone, short stature, and an
11 insatiable hunger that can lead to life-threatening obesity and related health complications
12 such as type 2 diabetes; and

13 WHEREAS, although there is currently no cure for Prader-Willi Syndrome,
14 individuals benefit greatly from early diagnosis, specialized medical care, therapeutic
15 interventions, and carefully managed diets and support systems; and

16 WHEREAS, in the great state of Louisiana, we recognize that our strength is not
17 defined by the obstacles we face, but by the courage and resilience with which we respond
18 to them; and

1 WHEREAS, designating May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month will help
2 raise public awareness, foster understanding, and promote advocacy and research to improve
3 the lives of those living with PWS; and

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commend the families, advocates, and
5 healthcare professionals who work tirelessly to support individuals with PWS and to increase
6 awareness of this challenging condition.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
8 does hereby designate the month of May as Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in the
9 state of Louisiana.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate encourages all citizens to support
11 continued research efforts, advocate for enhanced funding and resources, and stand in
12 solidarity with those affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome.

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