

1 WHEREAS, all residents of this state, regardless of location, deserve the opportunity
2 to protect themselves and their families from preventable illnesses; and

3 WHEREAS, preventing the spread of communicable diseases saves lives and reduces
4 overall healthcare costs; and

5 WHEREAS, targeted efforts such as mobile health clinics, expanded pharmacy
6 partnerships, and community outreach initiatives have demonstrated effectiveness in
7 increasing immunization rates in rural and hard-to-reach areas; and

8 WHEREAS, supporting local solutions that reflect the specific needs of each
9 community helps ensure the efficient use of resources and stronger public health outcomes.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health
12 to provide comprehensive and accurate information on immunization-preventable diseases
13 and to direct resources toward improving access to immunization services in rural,
14 low-income, and otherwise underserved communities where logistical, geographic, or
15 economic barriers exist.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
17 of Louisiana encourages health agencies, elected officials, and community leaders to
18 collaborate in identifying gaps in immunization access and to respond with practical, locally
19 tailored strategies.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
21 of Louisiana remains committed to supporting efforts that ensure all of the residents of this
22 state, regardless of geography, can make informed decisions and access preventive care
23 when and where it is needed.

DIGEST

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Requests that the Louisiana Department of Health provide information and resources on immunization-preventable diseases and to improve access to immunization services in rural and low-income communities across this state.