

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, May 4, 2026, as Disability Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize the contributions, rights, and dignity of individuals with disabilities.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is committed to promoting accessibility, inclusion, and opportunity for all its citizens, including individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, more than one in four adults in Louisiana live with a disability, contributing significantly to the cultural, economic, and civic fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities face daily barriers in transportation, healthcare, education, employment, and public infrastructure that require greater awareness and action; and

WHEREAS, the disability community exemplifies resilience, strength, and determination, and reminds us that anyone's life can change in a split second; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Split Second Foundation and the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs work tirelessly to promote inclusion, accessibility, and increase the quality of life for Louisianians with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Disability Awareness Day provides an opportunity for residents, lawmakers, and community leaders to learn from and uplift the voices of those living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Split Second Foundation, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, McNeese Prime, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, Families Helping Families of Louisiana, The Arc of Louisiana, People First of Louisiana, Statewide Independent Living Council, Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Lighthouse Louisiana, Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs, Train Unique-Adaptive Fitness, the Louisiana Special School District-Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired, LSU Health New Orleans - Human Development Center, and the Brain Injury Association of Louisiana/United Spinal Association of Louisiana help to promote awareness of the importance of accessibility, inclusion, and the elimination of barriers that hinder full participation in society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, May 4, 2026, as Disability Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby acknowledge the dedication of the various organizations that work toward ensuring equal rights and opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE