

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 294

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 2, 2026, as National Mississippi River Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize June 2, 2026, as National Mississippi River Day, urging all people to celebrate,
3 protect, and restore the Mississippi River and its watershed by participating in
4 events, signing up as One Mississippi "River Citizens", and taking action to
5 safeguard this invaluable resource for generations to come.

6 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River is one of our nation's most iconic and vital
7 waterways, spanning approximately two thousand three hundred fifty miles from Minnesota
8 to Louisiana and uniting ten mainstem states and thirty-two tributary states in its watershed;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River has been deeply woven into the lives of
11 indigenous peoples for thousands of years, sustaining communities through nourishment,
12 travel, and trade while also holding profound cultural, spiritual, and ancestral significance;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River serves as a critical source of drinking water for
15 over twenty million Americans, a vital habitat for diverse fish and wildlife, and a powerful
16 economic engine supporting commerce, agriculture, tourism, and recreation; and

17 WHEREAS, the river supplies the heart of a migratory flyway for sixty percent of
18 North America's bird species, provides habitat for at least two hundred sixty fish species, and
19 sustains numerous amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, making it one of the world's most
20 important ecological corridors; and

21 WHEREAS, the health of the Mississippi River is under threat from pollution, habitat
22 loss, climate change, and other environmental stressors, which impact the communities,
23 economies, and ecosystems that depend on it; and

1 WHEREAS, protecting and restoring the Mississippi River requires collaboration
2 across states, agencies, organizations, individuals, and communities to implement
3 sustainable and regenerative conservation practices, to restore wetlands and floodplains, and
4 to reduce agricultural and urban runoff to improve water quality; and

5 WHEREAS, the Mississippi River connects millions of people, reflecting our shared
6 history, culture, and responsibility to ensure its vitality for future generations; and

7 WHEREAS, One Mississippi is a national outreach and advocacy organization
8 dedicated to protecting, restoring, and strengthening the Mississippi River by connecting a
9 growing community of over twenty thousand "River Citizens" to take action on issues
10 regarding the river's water quality, wildlife, and surrounding communities; and

11 WHEREAS, One Mississippi and its network of seventy-eight organizations and
12 "River Citizens" are inviting the public to take action, whether through conservation efforts,
13 advocacy, or simply enjoying the river and building community; and

14 WHEREAS, One Mississippi's upcoming River Days of Action event, which will be
15 held June 1st through 15th, provides a perfect opportunity for people across the region to
16 come together to restore, celebrate, and advocate for a healthier river.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize June 2, 2026, as National Mississippi River
19 Day, urging all people to celebrate, protect, and restore the Mississippi River and its
20 watershed by participating in events, signing up as One Mississippi "River Citizens", and
21 taking action to safeguard this invaluable resource for generations to come.

DIGEST

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