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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHEAT

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 2021 as West Nile Virus Awareness Month

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize April 2021 as West Nile Virus Awareness Month in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, during the late spring, warmer temperatures combined with rainy
4	weather create ideal conditions for mosquitos to breed, increasing the potential for the spread
5	of West Nile virus; and
6	WHEREAS, West Nile virus first appeared in the United States in 1999, and West
7	Nile cases have since been reported in every state other than Alaska and Hawaii; and
8	WHEREAS, mosquitos, the principal transmitters of the virus, are most active during
9	the warmer months of the year, but they can be present year-round in some parts of
10	Louisiana; and
11	WHEREAS, although a majority of people show no symptoms of West Nile virus,
12	approximately twenty percent develop mild illness, and fewer than one percent develop a
13	severe neurological infection that may lead to inflammation of the brain or membranes
14	surrounding the brain or spinal cord; and
15	WHEREAS, neurological infections are associated with symptoms such as high
16	fever, severe headache, confusion or disorientation, seizures, coma, partial paralysis, and
17	vision loss, and some neurological complications can linger on for months or even be
18	permanent; and
19	WHEREAS, in rare cases, West Nile disease can be life-threatening; and
20	WHEREAS, there is currently no specific treatment or vaccine for West Nile virus;
21	and

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1 WHEREAS, the best means of preventing West Nile disease is to reduce exposure 2 to mosquitos by removing standing water, using mosquito repellent, wearing long-sleeved 3 shirts and long pants when outdoors, and limiting outside activity during dawn, dusk, and 4 early evening, when the insects are most active; and 5 WHEREAS, with the approach of warmer weather, Louisianians are advised to take 6 precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones from West Nile virus, and recognizing 7 April as West Nile Virus Awareness Month can help educate the public about this 8 preventable disease. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 10 recognize April 2021 as West Nile Virus Awareness Month in Louisiana, and hereby 11 encourages Louisianians to learn more about ways to stop the spread of West Nile virus. DIGEST

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