

1 WHEREAS, it is in the public policy of this state to require the Louisiana
2 Department of Health to provide consistent guidance and effective education outreach
3 programs to healthcare providers across the state.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 authorize and direct the Louisiana Department of Health in its existing public health
6 programs and services to educate healthcare providers on all of the following:

7 (1) The importance of effective care planning, including treatment options, support
8 and services, long-term care options, advanced directives, and care at every stage of
9 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases to include appropriate counseling.

10 (2) The use of validated cognitive assessment tools.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 authorize and direct the office of public health within the Louisiana Department of Health
13 to include provisions in its public health outreach programs that, at a minimum, accomplish
14 the following:

15 (1) Increase the awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases
16 including any link to chronic disease, such as vascular risk factors.

17 (2) Advise the public of the value of early detection of Alzheimer's disease and other
18 dementia diseases along with information on the early signs of such diseases.

19 (3) Educate the public on the importance of identifying and reporting signs of
20 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases to healthcare providers for timely diagnosis.

21 (4) Increase data and surveillance applicable to Alzheimer's disease and other
22 dementia diseases and encourage additional data analysis and accurate reporting on death
23 certificates.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Authorizes and directs the La. Dept. of Health to include information on early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases in its existing public health programs and services to educate healthcare providers.