



1 and increase athletic opportunities for girls and women; and

2 WHEREAS, Title IX has opened the doors of educational opportunity to millions of  
3 women and girls across the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Title IX applies to all public and private elementary schools, secondary  
5 schools, school districts, colleges, and universities receiving any federal funding; and

6 WHEREAS, before the passage of Title IX, women and girls faced discrimination  
7 and limited opportunities in higher education programs, athletics, and extracurricular  
8 activities; and

9 WHEREAS, while Title IX has been instrumental in fostering fifty years of progress  
10 toward equality in educational institutions and the workplace, there remains progress to be  
11 made; and

12 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana remains committed to ensuring campus safety,  
13 ending sex-based discrimination against all students in elementary, secondary, and higher  
14 education, and providing equal opportunities for all students; and

15 WHEREAS, several coaches and athletes throughout the state of Louisiana have been  
16 recognized as Title IX trailblazers in the realm of women's athletics, including Sue Gunter,  
17 DD Breaux, Ann Smith, Yvette Girouard, Leon Barmore, Sonja Hogg, Louise "Do" Bonin,  
18 Emma Ellerman Boozman, Lisa Brewer, Mona Davidson Martin, Dianne Pitmann McCain,  
19 Pat Nolen Pierson, Robin Roberts, and many others; and

20 WHEREAS, Title IX has been the basis for Louisiana laws that protect students from  
21 discrimination based on sex in Louisiana colleges and universities, laws requiring policy  
22 creation and reform regarding power-based violence, and laws requiring power-based  
23 violence accountability in Louisiana schools; and

24 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature, with dynamic leadership from its female  
25 Senate and House members, passed significant and comprehensive bills in 2021, which were  
26 signed into law by Governor John Bel Edwards, that expanded Title IX laws on a state level  
27 through the development of power-based violence laws.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
29 commemorate the 50th anniversary of Title IX, and commends the national movement and  
30 state focus on increased equality for and fair treatment of all students.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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Recognizes and celebrates the 50th anniversary of the enactment of Title IX and celebrates its history and impact.