

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR FOIL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes those lives impacted by or lost due to COVID-19 and expresses support for the designation of the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize those lives impacted by or lost due to the COVID-19 virus and express support
3 for the designation of the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and
4 Survivors Memorial Day.

5 WHEREAS, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2), a novel coronavirus, is a potentially deadly
6 illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person-to-person; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2020, COVID-19 began to spread throughout the world, resulting in
8 a global pandemic which impacted human life, our communities, and our economy; and

9 WHEREAS, in March 2020, communities in every state began to experience
10 increased loss of life, and families lost fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters,
11 and neighbors from the virus; and

12 WHEREAS, many across the United States were, and continue to be, personally
13 impacted by COVID-19, including mourning their loved ones and neighbors or experiencing
14 long-term health complications from the virus; and

15 WHEREAS, by the end of February 2023, there were more than one hundred million
16 known cases of the virus in the United States, and more than one million people tragically
17 had lost their lives; and

18 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income

1 communities, communities of color, rural and tribal communities, people with disabilities,
2 people with weakened immune systems, unhoused individuals, and those living in
3 congregate settings, highlighting a need for a united effort to strengthen and protect fragile
4 and high-risk individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, COVID-19 affected the health and wellbeing of veterans, especially
6 those struggling with post traumatic stress disorder, by increasing social isolation and
7 disrupting access to mental health services; and

8 WHEREAS, COVID-19 impacted the health and wellbeing of children by reducing
9 access to care and health services, disrupting schooling, lessening their sense of safety and
10 security, and increasing stress on caregivers, and tragically left millions of children grieving
11 the loss of a parent or caregiver; and

12 WHEREAS, the symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by
13 individual and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many
14 survivors suffer with lingering side effects of the disease long after they no longer test
15 positive; and

16 WHEREAS, public servants, frontline and essential workers, and healthcare
17 professionals took selfless actions to protect their neighbors and communities, support
18 struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

19 WHEREAS, local, state, tribal, and federal government entities provided critical
20 support to businesses, communities, and Americans in need; and

21 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact on the United
22 States and countries around the world; and

23 WHEREAS, each life lost to COVID-19, each life forever changed by COVID-19,
24 and each sacrifice made should never be forgotten; and

25 WHEREAS, the first Monday in March would be an appropriate day to be
26 recognized as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby recognize those lives impacted by or lost due to the COVID-19 virus and
29 express support for the designation of the first Monday of March as COVID-19 Victims and
30 Survivors Memorial Day.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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