

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 24, 2023 as Coastal Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, April 24, 2023, as Coastal Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, with a population of more than two million people, coastal Louisiana  
4 is home to a rich diversity of people, communities, and cultural traditions; and

5 WHEREAS, coastal Louisiana is also home to a variety of industries, ecosystems,  
6 and natural resources which feed and nourish its people and the nation's economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Louisianans have a deep and abiding love for their coast, and their rich  
8 cultural heritage is closely connected to the land and water; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana is home to thirty percent of the nation's wetlands and ninety  
10 percent of its wetlands loss; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana has lost over two thousand square miles of land since the  
12 1930's, as a result of both natural and manmade changes to the environment; and

13 WHEREAS, Louisiana plays a vital role in the economic infrastructure of America,  
14 with her ports carrying twenty percent of all United States waterborne commerce, providing  
15 twenty-six percent, by weight, of commercial fisheries landings, and supplying eighteen  
16 percent of our nation's oil; and

17 WHEREAS, the coast's intrinsic value, as a working coast, home to millions of  
18 citizens, and natural habitats, makes it one of the nation's most unique and valuable  
19 landscapes; and

1           WHEREAS, Louisiana has invested over \$21.4 billion in coastal protection and  
2 restoration projects since 2007, benefitting fifty-five thousand eight hundred seven acres of  
3 habitat, which accounts for more than eighty-seven square miles, three hundred sixty-nine  
4 miles of levee improvements, and over seventy-one miles of barrier islands and headlands;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA),  
7 along with other state and local government officials, economic development organizations,  
8 energy companies, coastal scientists, engineering professionals, and environmental  
9 nonprofits around the state are working together to design, build, and operate large-scale  
10 restoration and risk reduction solutions aimed at preserving the state's history, culture,  
11 ecosystems, and natural resources that are threatened by ongoing land loss and flood risk;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Louisiana's coastal industry, driven by CPRA's Coastal Master and  
14 Annual Plans, will support over ten thousand jobs statewide and six hundred forty-one  
15 million dollars in labor income in Fiscal Year 2024; and

16           WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana would like  
17 to recognize and commend all those who are working proactively toward a more sustainable  
18 and resilient coast.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, April 24, 2023, as Coastal Day in  
21 the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize the importance of coastal restoration and  
22 protection in Louisiana and all those who contribute to this work.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board and executive director  
25 of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

DIGEST

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