

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777, and recognize June 11-17, 2023, as National Flag Week in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th, which commemorates the adoption of the Flag Act by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777; and

WHEREAS, in passing the Flag Act, the Continental Congress provided, "[R]esolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation" which has evolved into the flag we fly today; and

WHEREAS, during National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging the citizens of the United States to fly the American flag for the duration of that week; and

WHEREAS, the American flag invokes pride in our citizens and hope in those who come to our shores in search of a brighter tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, two hundred forty-five years ago, a small band of patriots declared independence, proclaiming with one voice that we are free to determine our own destiny and conduct the work of self-governance; and

WHEREAS, driven by their unyielding spirit and drawing inspiration from the stars and stripes, a string of thirteen colonies later expanded to become a united fifty states, and throughout our history, the American flag has steadfastly served as an emblem of this great experiment in democracy; and

WHEREAS, with hands over hearts, Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs have long saluted Old Glory and honored her legacy, a powerful representation of freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, waving high above capitol buildings, courthouses, military bases, embassies across the globe, and on the distant surface of the moon, our flag calls on each of us to remember our obligations to the "Republic for which it stands" and to continue the unwavering optimism that defines us; and

WHEREAS, America endures because of the courage of service men and women who serve under this standard, and our veterans are forever draped in the red, white, and blue when they are laid to rest; and

WHEREAS, wherever the flag lies or flies, its message is clear that we rise and fall together, as one nation and one people; and

WHEREAS, during National Flag Week, we pledge our allegiance to the banner that has served as a guiding symbol on our nation's journey, and we celebrate the hope it inspires in the citizens of this great state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the ways it has embodied our ideals and sustained our nation, during National Flag Week we pay tribute to Old Glory and continue striving to create a more perfect and indivisible "union with liberty and justice for all".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, and recognizes June 11-17, 2023, as National Flag Week in Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE