

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY SENATOR MCMATH

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes May 1, 2024, as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Day in Louisiana.

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday May 1, 2024, as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the United States Health and Human Services Department, Office on Women's Health reports that one in eight women experience postpartum depression in the year following birth; and

WHEREAS, death by suicide is a leading cause of maternal mortality and accounts for approximately 20% of postpartum deaths; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these types of deaths are preventable; and

WHEREAS, maternal death results in negative family and economic impacts to families and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, 12% of women in Louisiana reported experiencing postpartum depression after giving birth; and

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of women experiencing maternal mental health conditions such as perinatal and postpartum depression, anxiety, and birth-related PTSD, go undiagnosed and untreated; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks 46th for maternal mortality and has consistently been ranked in the top five states for maternal mortality; and

