

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY SENATOR BOUIE

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Domestic Violence Advocacy Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana recognize the need to address domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects thousands of Louisiana families each year; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana currently ranks fifth in the nation in the rate of women murdered by men, and Louisiana's rate is eighty-five percent higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, the act of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence victims deserve access to safety, resources, and legal protections; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence is the federally-designated statewide coalition of shelters, nonresidential programs, and individuals working to end domestic violence in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence will host its annual day at the capitol with displays on the steps and in Memorial Hall of the Louisiana State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Domestic Violence Advocacy Day in Louisiana provides an opportunity for residents of Louisiana to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims throughout the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Domestic Violence Advocacy Day in

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Louisiana, commend and encourage diligence in the prevention of violence against women, and urge all residents and community organizations to join in this observance.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE