2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 17, 2024, as Necrotizing Enterocolitis Awareness Day in Louisiana

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Friday, May 17, 2024, as Necrotizing Enterocolitis Awareness Day in the state
3	of Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) is an intestinal disease that primarily
5	affects premature and medically fragile infants; the disease causes a severe inflammatory
6	process that can lead to intestinal tissue damage and is the most common cause of death in
7	hospitalized premature infants after two weeks of age; and
8	WHEREAS, babies born prematurely or with a medical complication, like congenital
9	heart disease, are most at risk of NEC; thousands of babies develop NEC each year and
10	hundreds of babies die from this complex intestinal condition; many babies only live for a
11	few hours or days after NEC is diagnosed; and
12	WHEREAS, surgery for NEC is not curative, and babies who survive often have
13	lifelong neurological and nutritional complications; and
14	WHEREAS, NEC results in approximately \$5 trillion of hospitalization expenses per
15	year and roughly nineteen percent of neonatal healthcare expenditures in the United Sates,
16	with an estimated cost of \$200,000 or more for each case of surgical necrotizing
17	enterocolitis; and
18	WHEREAS, although the risk of necrotizing enterocolitis cannot be fully eliminated,
19	preventative measures are effective at reducing risks; feeding breast milk is one of the most
20	effective ways to help prevent necrotizing enterocolitis in medically fragile infants; and

1 WHEREAS, more data is desperately needed to better understand how and why NEC 2 occurs in infants; and 3 WHEREAS, because of disparities and variation in care, black infants are 4 disproportionately affected by NEC compared to white infants; and 5 WHEREAS, to build a world without necrotizing enterocolitis and improve outcomes 6 for infants and families, we must raise awareness about this devastating neonatal disease. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Friday, May 17, 2024, as Necrotizing 9 Enterocolitis Awareness Day in Louisiana and does hereby recognize the importance of 10 raising awareness about this devastating neonatal disease.

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