

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates April 18, 2025, as Two Lights For Tomorrow Day at the state capitol and commemorates the historic alert by Paul Revere in 1775

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Friday, April 18, 2025, as Two Lights For Tomorrow Day at the state capitol  
3 and to commemorate the historic alert by Paul Revere in 1775.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana recognizes the importance of honoring and commemorating  
5 the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our nation and reminding our citizens  
6 of the vital significance and relevance of our founding principles and ideals that created a  
7 unique national identity worth fighting for; and

8 WHEREAS, the events of 1775 that began the revolution the year before  
9 independence was declared are significant moments that signaled the creation of a national  
10 identity and unity of purpose that transcended traditional geographic, cultural, and societal  
11 divides; individuals and communities across all the colonies came together to support their  
12 fellow countrymen; and

13 WHEREAS, on the evening of April 18, 1775, with impending hostile action from  
14 the British army in Boston, Massachusetts, Paul Revere and William Dawes along with other  
15 alarm riders undertook a perilous ride to alert everyone in the countryside of the coming  
16 danger; and

17 WHEREAS, preceding their departure from Boston, a prearranged signal was set in  
18 the Old North Church steeple to ensure that the message got out and did not solely rely on  
19 just one or two alarm riders; and

20 WHEREAS, the two lanterns that were the signal were immortalized in a poem by  
21 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow called Paul Revere's Ride as "One if by land, and two if by

1 sea" and have become an enduring symbol of American vigilance, perseverance, and  
2 preparedness in the face of adversity; and

3 WHEREAS, the alarm riders and the citizens that answered the call to arms to serve  
4 and defend their fellow countrymen that night and the following day at the battles of  
5 Lexington and Concord exemplify the spirit of community and shared responsibility that has  
6 defined our nation since its inception; and

7 WHEREAS, two hundred fifty years later, Americans are reminded that the call for  
8 unity and the call to serve each other is no less relevant today than it was then; and

9 WHEREAS, a national initiative has been proposed through collaboration from  
10 multiple states that two lights be displayed in public spaces across the country for all to see  
11 marking that significant anniversary in April 2025 and the beginning of the two hundred  
12 fiftieth anniversary commemorations leading up to the Declaration of Independence on  
13 July 4, 2026; and

14 WHEREAS, state commissions, state governments, federal agencies, and  
15 community, heritage, and historical organizations across the country have eagerly endorsed  
16 the initiative and pledge to support and participate and have encouraged others to do the  
17 same.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Friday, April 18, 2025, as Two Lights For  
20 Tomorrow Day at the state capitol and commemorate the historic alert by Paul Revere in  
21 1775.

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