

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN

A RESOLUTION

To designate the last week of April, 2025 as Wildlife Rehabilitators Appreciation Week at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Wildlife Rehabilitators are licensed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and provide immeasurably valuable services to our residents and native and wild species that require care; and

WHEREAS, state rehabilitators must meet rigorous standards to be licensed and must demonstrate knowledge in the care, housing, feeding, and medicating of native species; and

WHEREAS, the state does not compensate state rehabilitators for any services rendered, and all of their expenses including food, enclosures, medicines, veterinary care, or other costs are paid out of pocket; and

WHEREAS, these pro bono services provide savings to the state in excess of hundreds of thousands of dollars and an equal amount of in-kind donations; and

WHEREAS, licensed rehabilitators care for and nurse back to health tens of thousands of displaced, newborn, orphaned, and injured wild creatures, which is of great benefit to our communities and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate the last week of April, 2025, which is a time for birth and rejuvenation, as Louisiana Wildlife Rehabilitators Appreciation Week and does hereby commend all wildlife rehabilitators in the state for their tireless efforts in caring for and releasing injured, sick, or orphaned wild animals back into their natural habitats.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana urges residents and public officials at every level throughout the state to recognize and support the efforts of wildlife rehabilitators.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of Humane Society of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES