

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

SENATE. Declares the month of September 2013 as "Pain Awareness Month" in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To declare the month of September 2013 as "Pain Awareness Month" in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, in the United States over one hundred million adults suffer from chronic
4 pain, including millions of adults with debilitating conditions like chronic lower back pain,
5 fibromyalgia, and arthritis; and

6 WHEREAS, the suffering of chronic pain by adults in this country costs this nation
7 up to six hundred thirty-five billion dollars a year in added expenses and lost productivity,
8 including billions of dollars in state Medicaid expenditures; and

9 WHEREAS, chronic pain is a major public health problem and a hidden driver of
10 rising healthcare costs; and

11 WHEREAS, significant barriers to adequate pain care exist, and millions of
12 Americans are at risk of receiving inadequate pain care; and

13 WHEREAS, system and organizational barriers, many of them driven by current
14 insurance reimbursement policies, may obstruct patient-centered care.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16 does hereby declare the month of September 2013 as "Pain Awareness Month" in Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST

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