

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR BISHOP

HEALTH CARE. Requests the New Orleans East Hospital to become an American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Program.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the New Orleans East Hospital to become an American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Program.

WHEREAS, New Orleans East, Gentilly and the Lower 9th Ward were all devastated during Hurricane Katrina in 2005, losing most of the areas' residents and medical infrastructure, including the storm-ravaged Methodist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, an urgent care clinic was available to residents, but there was no hospital until 2014 when the New Orleans East Hospital, Orleans Parish Hospital Service District A, opened with a mission to provide superior quality health care and educational empowerment to the community; and

WHEREAS, a key component to educational empowerment is understanding chronic diseases such as diabetes; and

WHEREAS, according to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2014 Diabetes Report Card, among adults, about 1.7 million new cases of diabetes are diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has identified several risk factors that contribute to diabetes including increased age, lack of physical activity, a family history of diabetes, certain socioeconomic conditions, obesity, and race and ethnicity; and

1           WHEREAS, these risk factors are prevalent in the New Orleans East area, but  
2 without appropriate education on the disease, many people may not even know that they  
3 have it and those who have it may not be managing it most appropriately; and

4           WHEREAS, the American Diabetes Association has a program that allows providers  
5 who meet the national standards of excellence in diabetes education to be recognized as  
6 having attained Education Program Recognition; and

7           WHEREAS, there are currently thirty-eight providers in Louisiana who have attained  
8 this status, and it would be in the best interest of the New Orleans East Hospital and the  
9 community served by that hospital if it were also an ADA Diabetes Education Recognition  
10 Program.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby urges  
12 and requests the New Orleans East Hospital to pursue recognition as an American Diabetes  
13 Association Diabetes Education Program.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
15 CEO of the New Orleans East Hospital.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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DIGEST

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