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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY SENATOR JOHNS

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Declares April 26, 2016, as "Purple and Teal Day" in Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To declare April 26, 2016, as "Purple and Teal Day" in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature of Louisiana recognize the need to address violence against women; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault are serious crimes that affect people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault are widespread and affect millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at higher rates than the national average; and

WHEREAS, women are murdered at a rate about forty percent higher than the national average in Louisiana, and Louisiana consistently leads the nation in domestic homicides; and

WHEREAS, the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and abuse; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2016, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault host their annual day at the Louisiana

State Capitol with a display on the steps and rotunda of the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence is the federally designated statewide coalition of shelters, nonresidential programs and individuals working to end domestic violence in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault is the federally designated membership organization of sexual assault crisis centers across the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Purple and Teal Day provides an excellent opportunity for citizens of Louisiana to learn more about preventing domestic violence and sexual assault and show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare April 26, 2016, as "Purple and Teal Day" in the state of Louisiana, does hereby commend and encourage diligence against violence against women, and does hereby urge all citizens and all community organizations to join in this observance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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