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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

BY SENATOR JOHNS

SENATE. Designates the month of May as Foster Care Month.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To designate the month of May as Foster Care Month in Louisiana.
3	WHEREAS, every child deserves the safety, love, and well-being of a permanent
4	family and home; and
5	WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem,
6	and support, is the very foundation of our communities; and
7	WHEREAS, in Louisiana there are more than eight thousand children and youth
8	served annually in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home along with
9	the compassion and love of a foster family; and
10	WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring
11	adult who provides a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and
12	WHEREAS, foster, kinship, and adoptive families play a vital role in helping
13	children and families heal and reconnect, thereby launching young people into successful
14	adulthood; and
15	WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children resulting in
16	a need for more foster families; and
17	WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, both volunteer and professional, and
18	community and faith-based organizations, who work to increase public awareness of the

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1 needs of children, in and leaving foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable 2 contribution of foster parents; and 3 WHEREAS, a new informal caucus - the Foster Care & Adoption Caucus - has been created in the Louisiana Legislature to bring adoption and foster care issues to the forefront 4 5 of consciousness for legislators and policy makers. 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana 7 does hereby designate the month of May as Foster Care Month in Louisiana. 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to 9 Kim Carver of the Louisiana Institute of Children in Families, Judge Madeleine Landrieu, 10 and the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services. 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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