

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

BY SENATOR JOHNS

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Recognizes May 3, 2017, as Purple and Teal Day in the state of Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize May 3, 2017, 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, genders, and income levels; and

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

WHEREAS, Louisiana currently ranks second in the nation for domestic homicides, having consistently led the nation for the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, over one million women and men in Louisiana are sexually assaulted during their lifetimes, costing individuals, employers, and governmental institutions an average of one hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred sixty-one dollars per rape; 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, children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at higher rates than the national average; and

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

4 WHEREAS, on May 3, 2017, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
5 and the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault host their annual day at the Louisiana  
6 State Capitol with displays on the steps and in the rotunda of the Capitol; and

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

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault is the federally  
11 designated membership organization of sexual assault crisis centers, allied professionals, and  
12 individuals across the state of Louisiana; and

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

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 recognize May 3, 2017, as "Purple and Teal Day" in the state of Louisiana, does hereby  
19 commend and encourage diligence against violence against women, and does hereby urge  
20 all citizens and all community organizations to join in this observance.

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

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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