

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY SENATOR HEWITT

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Designates the first week of December as Shop Local Artists Week in Louisiana.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate the first week of December as "Shop Local Artists Week" in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, the arts enhance the quality of life for all Louisiana residents and draw
4 millions of tourists to our state; and

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana's rich culture is one of its greatest assets, and includes visual
6 artists, musicians, dancers, performing artists, writers, culinary artists, actors, filmmakers,
7 museums, theatres, and festivals; and

8 WHEREAS, this cultural fabric provides Louisiana's second largest employment
9 sector, with over one hundred seventy thousand jobs representing more than six and one-half
10 percent of the state's workforce; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana's cultural industries produce nearly twenty billion dollars in
12 annual revenue, representing more than seven and one-half percent of the state's total
13 revenue; and

14 WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2013, Louisiana's cultural industry jobs increased by
15 approximately fifteen and one-half percent, nearly triple that of the state's overall job
16 increases; and

17 WHEREAS, the arts are an instrumental component of economic development and
18 are included as consideration when attracting new business; and

1 WHEREAS, Arts-in-Education programs teach creativity, teamwork, problem-
2 solving and strategic thinking, thus laying the foundation for our children's future business
3 and all-around success; and

4 WHEREAS, the arts provide important therapy for those recovering from illnesses,
5 injuries, natural disasters, and other crises affecting communities, making arts an invaluable
6 component of the healing process; and

7 WHEREAS, support of artists and arts organizations, in particular local artists in
8 communities throughout the state, is vital to ensure Louisiana's rich culture and all of its
9 assets can continue to flourish and enhance our state.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
11 designate the first week of December "Shop Local Artists Week," to be celebrated annually
12 in support of artists and arts organizations throughout Louisiana.

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

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