

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 16

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates March 21, 2018, as School-Based Health Care Awareness Day in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as School-Based Health Care Awareness Day in  
3 Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, school-based health care facilities are an important statewide resource  
5 helping to address the health care needs of underserved and uninsured children, providing  
6 needed preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services, including direct primary and mental  
7 health care for acute and chronic illnesses, health education, case management assistance,  
8 and immunizations; and

9 WHEREAS, these facilities provide vital counseling on threats to children's health  
10 such as obesity, asthma, smoking, substance abuse, and violence, as well as mild to severe  
11 behavioral problems; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1990, as policymakers became concerned about the high morbidity  
13 and mortality rates of adolescents, the office of public health in the Department of Health  
14 and Hospitals was asked to determine the feasibility of opening school-based health care  
15 facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1991, the Adolescent School Health Initiative was enacted, and  
17 school-based health care facilities came into existence around the state; and

18 WHEREAS, a school-based health care facility provides convenient access to  
19 comprehensive, primary, and preventive physical and mental health services for public  
20 school students at the school site; and

1 WHEREAS, as students spend a significant portion of each day on school grounds,  
2 school-based health care facilities are accessible, convenient, encourage family and  
3 community involvement, reduce student absenteeism, reduce parental leave from work for  
4 doctor visits, and help school personnel meet the needs of the students and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, school-based health care facilities complement school nurses and social  
6 workers because generally the scope of their practices is more limited than that of the  
7 school-based health care facility, which has a broad mandate; and

8 WHEREAS, school-based health care facilities provide comprehensive health  
9 services to students including treatment for minor illness and injury, comprehensive  
10 physicals as may be required for school-related activities, behavioral health counseling,  
11 treatments for chronic diseases, required vaccines, and other beneficial services; and

12 WHEREAS, at this time, sixty-two school-based health care facilities are operated  
13 in twenty-seven parishes throughout the state.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as School-  
16 Based Health Care Awareness Day in Louisiana.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
18 to the president of the Louisiana School-Based Health Alliance board.

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#### DIGEST

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