

1 WHEREAS, since they lack access to hospitals, obstetrician-gynecologists, and basic
2 health insurance, women who are pregnant and give birth in maternal care deserts are more
3 at risk of health complications related to pregnancy; and

4 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, through programs and initiatives and through its
5 participation on the Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Advisory Council, the March of Dimes
6 has worked extensively to launch new programs and work with health partners to address
7 maternal mortality and health disparities; and

8 WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is leading a statewide and national effort to save
9 babies from preterm birth by funding research, supporting programs that help families with
10 a newborn in intensive care, and by advocating for funding for newborn screening, anti-
11 tobacco policies, neonatal abstinence syndrome policies, and paid leave policies; and

12 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, March of Dimes volunteers and staff
13 from across the state are visiting the state capitol to raise awareness about the serious
14 problem of preterm birth and to advocate for policies that improve the quality of care for
15 moms and babies in Louisiana.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 recognize Wednesday, April 17, 2019, as March of Dimes Day at the state capitol.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Louisiana citizens are hereby encouraged to
19 support the March of Dimes in its efforts to reduce the number of preterm births and to assist
20 newborns and their families.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
22 to the regional director of advocacy and governmental affairs of the March of Dimes,
23 Southeast region, Louisiana/Mississippi market.

DIGEST

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