

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize April 18 through 24, 2022, as "Love the Boot Week" organized by Keep Louisiana Beautiful and to commend the Legislative Youth Advisory Council for their dedication to promote positive change by participating in and encouraging litter cleanup.

WHEREAS, Louisiana is known as the "Sportsman's Paradise" and is recognized worldwide for its tourism, natural beauty, outdoor opportunities, beautiful architecture, historic communities, and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, whether trash, debris, single-use plastics, or other refuse that is improperly disposed, litter blemishes the otherwise natural beauty of the state's roadsides, waterways, and habitats that support our unique wildlife and aquatic life and has a detrimental impact on Louisiana's economic development by negatively impacting investment, infrastructure, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, litter also adversely impacts neighborhoods and communities, including quality of life, crime, and other undesirable impacts, and impedes waterways that exacerbate flooding concerns in flood-prone areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, litter poses a threat to Louisiana's wildlife by causing birds and marine life to become entangled in or ingest refuse or consumer discarded items; and

WHEREAS, Keep Louisiana Beautiful is the state's leading anti-litter and beautification organization focused on bringing people together to build and sustain vibrant, clean communities through a network of affiliates, businesses, schools, governments, and citizens with the goal to prevent litter, reduce waste, increase recycling, and protect and preserve the natural beauty of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Keep Louisiana Beautiful, in conjunction with Earth Day and with support from the office of the governor and the office of the lieutenant governor, is holding "Love the Boot Week" from April 18th through 24th as the largest litter removal effort in

Louisiana by encouraging businesses, government agencies, schools, nonprofit organizations, and individual citizens throughout the state to plan or participate in over 250 litter cleanups and beautification events in 52 parishes to work collectively toward a cleaner Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council is a student-led body appointed by the Commission on Civic Education annually to represent the voices of young people across the state and serve as ambassadors for positive change; and

WHEREAS, after conducting a youth survey, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council found that protecting the environment is one of the most important issues, along with education and mental health, to young people in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the impact litter has on the state, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council committed to taking the Love the Boot pledge, to participate in "Love the Boot Week", and to encourage action by their peers to clean up Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 18 through 24, 2022, as "Love the Boot Week" organized by Keep Louisiana Beautiful as the largest litter removal effort in Louisiana and commends the Legislative Youth Advisory Council and the leadership of its members for their dedication to promote positive change by participating in and encouraging litter cleanup.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of Keep Louisiana Beautiful and to the president of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES