

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes June 26, 2023, as National HIV Testing Awareness Day in support of the efforts of the federal government in ending the HIV epidemic in the state of Louisiana.

A RESOLUTION

To recognize June 26, 2023, as National HIV Testing Awareness Day and to support the efforts of the federal government in ending the HIV epidemic in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services launched the "Ending the HIV Epidemic" (EHE) initiative with the goal of reducing new Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections by 90% by 2030, through the four key pillars of the EHE initiative: diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond; and

WHEREAS, many people may experience health literacy barriers due to social determinants, and this lack of awareness may limit an individual's ability to recognize and advocate for necessary medical care including treatment that is best suited for their health needs, and engage in a shared decision-making approach with their providers; and

WHEREAS, disparities in diagnosis and health outcomes are driven by a broad range of factors such as access to reliable testing resources and treatments which can positively impact health outcomes by directing patients to appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved multiple pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medications that are extremely effective at preventing individuals from acquiring HIV, as studies have shown a correlation between increased PrEP

