

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates March 23, 2026, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Monday, March 23, 2026, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL)
4 was created by Act No. 409 of the 1968 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana to
5 promote, preserve, and develop the use of French across the state and to ensure the
6 language's continued role in shaping the state's future and identity; and

7 WHEREAS, today, CODOFIL is housed within the Louisiana Department of
8 Culture, Recreation and Tourism, under the Office of Cultural Development; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana is the only state in the country with an official government
10 agency that is dedicated to the advancement of French, and CODOFIL has worked for over
11 nearly six decades to support the French language in education, cultural programming,
12 tourism, international relations, and economic development; and

13 WHEREAS, Louisiana's efforts to sustain its brand and ensure its cultural vibrancy
14 for future economic growth are predicated on its robust bilingual educational system and
15 continued relations with international partners, including France, Belgium, Quebec, Ontario,
16 New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia; and

17 WHEREAS, CODOFIL has played a key role in the creation and continued impact
18 of several important Louisiana initiatives, including Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, Festival
19 International de Louisiane, French immersion education in the state's public schools, and the
20 state's continued engagement with the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie; and

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana is the first state in the United States to be accepted into the
2 Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, an organization of ninety-three French
3 countries from around the world that represents three hundred twenty-one million French-
4 speaking people; and

5 WHEREAS, as Louisiana's state agency for Francophone affairs, CODOFIL
6 continuously nurtures and grows international partnerships, and these partnerships have
7 resulted in economic growth for the state.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Monday, March 23, 2026, as CODOFIL Day
10 at the state capitol and does hereby commend CODOFIL for its enduring contributions to
11 the cultural identity and economic success of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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