



1 Department of Health and Human Services, which began funding fifteen Healthy Start  
2 Initiatives in 1991, currently has over one hundred five such projects in thirty-nine states,  
3 the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico; and

4 WHEREAS, the Healthy Start Program Infant Mortality Reduction initiative is a  
5 valuable resource and intervention program made available to eliminate disparities in  
6 perinatal health resulting from multiple factors including race, education, income, disability,  
7 or living in a rural area and to reduce negative birth outcomes that directly affects the infant  
8 mortality rate by providing home visitation, case management, outreach, health education,  
9 and depression screening; and

10 WHEREAS, this free program, which is not based upon income, targets  
11 African-American women, but services are provided to any eligible member residing in the  
12 targeted parishes.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 recognize Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as "Healthy Start Day" at the Louisiana Legislature and  
15 does hereby commend the city of New Orleans, Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge,  
16 Crescent City WIC Services of Gretna, and Family Tree Information Education Counseling  
17 Center of Lafayette for their contributions in improving the health of Louisiana moms and  
18 babies.

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