

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

A RESOLUTION

To commend Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center on hosting "Fest for Life", a minority cancer awareness event, on April 16, 2016.

WHEREAS, April 5-11, 2016, is recognized as National Minority Cancer Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center will hold "Fest for Life", a minority cancer awareness event, on April 16, 2016, at the Bon Carre' Business Center; and

WHEREAS, "Fest for Life" serves as a forum to increase awareness regarding the importance of early cancer detection among racial/ethnic minority groups and provides five types of free cancer screenings, including breast, prostate, skin, colorectal, and oral cavity, along with blood pressure and glucose checks; and

WHEREAS, cancer is common in Americans of all racial and ethnic groups; however, the cancer rates vary considerably from group to group; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have the highest death rate and shortest survival rate of any racial and ethnic group in the United States of America for most cancers; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death among Hispanic adults following heart disease; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans have the highest incidence and mortality rates from liver and stomach cancers of all racial and ethnic groups in both men and women; and

WHEREAS, these disparities are due largely to barriers to receiving timely and high quality medical care by minority populations resulting in later stage diagnosis when the disease is more difficult to treat.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center for hosting "Fest for Life", a minority cancer awareness event, on April 16, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mary Bird Perkins - Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE