

1 the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists were vital participants in this
2 initiative; and

3 WHEREAS, in July of 2011, the following fourteen of Louisiana's top birthing
4 hospitals joined this initiative and created teams of nurses, administrators, and physicians
5 who worked together to implement a quality improvement effort including a thirty-nine
6 week policy:

7 (1) CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital.

8 (2) East Jefferson General Hospital.

9 (3) Lafayette General Medical Center.

10 (4) Lakeview Regional Medical Center.

11 (5) Ochsner Medical Center.

12 (6) Touro Infirmary.

13 (7) Women's and Children's Hospital, a campus of the Regional Medical Center of
14 Acadiana.

15 (8) Rapides Regional Medical Center.

16 (9) Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

17 (10) North Oaks Medical Center.

18 (11) St. Tammany Parish Hospital.

19 (12) Terrebone General Medical Center.

20 (13) Willis Knighton South and the Center for Women's Health.

21 (14) Woman's Hospital; and

22 WHEREAS, the above-listed hospitals thereafter reduced elective deliveries from an
23 average of fifteen percent to an average of seven percent and had a corresponding reduction
24 in NICU admissions; and

25 WHEREAS, by December of 2011, each of the state's fifty-eight birthing hospitals
26 had joined the 39 Week Initiative by pledging to implement a thirty-nine-week policy in
27 their labor and delivery units; and

28 WHEREAS, special recognition is due to the March of Dimes and their national
29 "Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait" campaign to end nonmedically indicated deliveries
30 prior to thirty-nine weeks; and

1 WHEREAS, national and state leaders of the March of Dimes have been invaluable
2 partners in the 39 Week Initiative.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 commend the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana Hospital
5 Association, the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance
6 Company, the Louisiana Chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians and
7 Gynecologists, the March of Dimes, and all participating hospitals for successful
8 implementation of a statewide effort to end nonmedically indicated elective deliveries prior
9 to thirty-nine weeks gestation known as the 39 Week Initiative.

DIGEST

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Commends parties which contributed to the successful implementation of a statewide effort to end nonmedically indicated elective deliveries before 39 weeks gestation known as the "39 Week Initiative".