

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER AND SENATOR MILLS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 16, 2018, as Suicide Prevention Day

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Monday, April 16, 2018, as Suicide Prevention Day at the state capitol.

3 WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and the
4 second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of fifteen and thirty-four;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, suicide is the eleventh leading cause of death in Louisiana and the third
7 leading cause of death among Louisianans between the ages of fifteen and thirty-four; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, one person in the United
9 States completes suicide every 12.3 minutes, resulting in over 44,000 suicides each year; and

10 WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has
11 increased every year for the past decade; and

12 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are over 1.1 million suicide attempts each year;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, over ninety percent of the people who die by suicide have a diagnosable
15 and treatable mental health condition, although often that condition is not recognized or
16 treated; and

17 WHEREAS, suicide results in an estimated \$51 billion in combined medical and
18 work loss costs nationally; and

19 WHEREAS, suicide results in an estimated \$675,990,000 in combined medical and
20 work loss costs in Louisiana annually; and

1 WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions works against
2 suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk of suicide from seeking life-saving help;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
5 envision a world without suicide, and are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to
6 those affected by suicide through research, education, and advocacy; and

7 WHEREAS, the foundation urges that we recognize suicide as a preventable public
8 health problem; acknowledge that no single suicide prevention program will be appropriate
9 for all; encourage initiatives based on goals contained in the National Strategy for Suicide
10 Prevention and in the Louisiana Plan for Youth Suicide Prevention; promote awareness that
11 there is no single cause for suicide; and develop and implement strategies to increase access
12 to quality mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 recognize Monday, April 16, 2018, as Suicide Prevention Day at the state capitol.

DIGEST

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