

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 1, 2023, as Louisiana Reproductive Justice Day

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Monday, May 1, 2023, as Louisiana Reproductive Justice Day.

3 WHEREAS, the high rates of maternal mortality among black women span across  
4 income levels, education levels, and socioeconomic status; and

5 WHEREAS, a report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
6 (CDC) indicates that in 2021, the U.S. had one of the worst rates of maternal mortality in our  
7 nation's history, a 40% increase from 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, reproductive justice is a human right to control our bodies, our  
9 sexuality, our gender, our work, and our reproduction; and

10 WHEREAS, that right can only be achieved when all women and girls have the  
11 complete economic, social, and political power and resources to make healthy decisions  
12 about their bodies, families, and communities in all areas of their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, this framework was created for black women by black women; and

14 WHEREAS, at the core of reproductive justice is the belief that all women and  
15 birthing people have the right to have children, the right to not have children, and the right  
16 to nurture their children in a safe and healthy environment; and

17 WHEREAS, this approaches a policy issue from a human rights perspective that  
18 incorporates the intersections of race, gender, class, sexual orientation, and gender identity  
19 with the situational impacts of economics, politics, and culture that make up the lived  
20 experiences of black women in Louisiana; and

1           WHEREAS, the intersectional agenda brings transformational change where every  
2 person has the economic, social, cultural, and political power to make decisions about their  
3 sexuality, health, and families; and

4           WHEREAS, reproductive rights includes reproductive healthcare services, and  
5 maternal health programming that is critical to improving and closing the racial gap in  
6 maternal health.

7           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Monday, May 1, 2023, as Louisiana  
9 Reproductive Justice Day.

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