

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 2, 2023, as Main Street Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, since 1984, Louisiana Main Street has helped communities revitalize their historic downtowns, celebrating community character and generating impressive economic returns; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's thirty-six designated Main Street communities are coming back strong from the pandemic, logging 547 new jobs, 133 new businesses, 47,158 volunteer hours, and \$25,925,190 in public/private investment in Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, every dollar invested in the state program returns \$2.90-\$7.40 in state sales tax annually, and \$190,000 per year of state income tax is generated from jobs created by Main Street employers; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street leads a statewide network of designated communities: Abbeville, Bastrop, Columbia, Crowley, Denham Springs, DeRidder, Donaldsonville, Eunice, Franklin, Hammond, Homer, Houma, Kenner, Leesville, Minden, Monroe, Morgan City, Natchitoches, New Iberia, New Roads, Opelousas, Plaquemine, Ponchatoula, Ruston, Slidell, Springhill, St. Francisville, St. Martinville, Thibodaux, West Monroe, and Winnsboro, and the following districts in New Orleans: Broad Street, Lower Ninth Ward, North Rampart Street, OC Haley Boulevard, and Old Algiers; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street also works with communities that are on a path to potential designation, and currently Winnfield is a "Lagniappe" community working toward a Main Street designation; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Main Street communities are also part of a national network of more than twelve hundred communities, led by Main Street America; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street program is a proven model for economic development; when downtown grows, the whole community grows.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 2, 2023, as Main Street Day at the state capitol and does hereby commend Louisiana Main Street and its thirty-six designated communities for their outstanding downtown revitalization efforts throughout the state.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES