

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATOR APPEL

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes and designates March 21, 2018, as Kick Butts Day in the Senate.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize and designate March 21, 2018, as Kick Butts Day.

3 WHEREAS, Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to  
4 stand out, speak up, and fight back against the dangers of smoking; and

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana youth are some of the most unhealthy in the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, tobacco use by Louisiana's middle and high school students exceeds the  
7 national average with 14.9% of middle school students, compared to 7.2% on the national  
8 level, and 28.9% of high school students, compared with 20.0% on the national level; and

9 WHEREAS, approximately 7,200 kids in Louisiana become daily smokers each year;  
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11 WHEREAS, more than 100 Next Era Youth leaders have gathered to promote  
12 healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles, and encourage legislators to support policies proven to  
13 reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke which policies include higher  
14 tobacco taxes, comprehensive smoke-free policies, well-funded tobacco prevention and  
15 smoking cessation programs, and tougher regulation of tobacco products, and the marketing  
16 of tobacco products; and

17 WHEREAS, Next Era Youth, an initiative of Healthier Air for All, a program of The  
18 Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living, seeks to empower a tobacco-free generation

1 by fostering youth leadership and activism; and

2 WHEREAS, 100% smoke-free environments are the most effective way to fully  
3 protect all citizens from the detrimental effects of exposure to secondhand smoke.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
5 does hereby recognize and designate March 21, 2018, as Kick Butts Day, a day to stand out,  
6 speak up, and fight back against the dangers of smoking.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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Designates March 21, 2018, as Kick Butts Day as a day of activism empowering youth to  
stand out, speak up, and fight back against the dangers of smoking.