

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as Hospital Day in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Hospital Day is a celebration which serves as a reminder that hospitals in Louisiana are cornerstones of the communities and that hospitals serve people in every community from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Hospital Day celebrates hospitals and the frontline caregivers who support the health of their communities through dedication and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Hospital Day this year is "Caring for Patients; Strengthening Communities"; and

WHEREAS, hospitals and health systems in Louisiana play an integral role in providing vital healthcare services to all residents of Louisiana, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty-five days a year, through acute care and specialty hospital services; and

WHEREAS, hospitals today are multi-dimensional environments that offer every medical specialty and also focus on population health, prevention, and wellness; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing critical healthcare services, Louisiana hospitals and health systems are economic drivers in the state; and

WHEREAS, hospitals directly employ more than 101,900 people with an annual payroll of more than \$6.6 billion and contributing more than \$42.3 billion to Louisiana's economy overall through creating and supporting more than 308,000 jobs statewide in industries such as construction and retail; and

WHEREAS, whether in urban or rural communities, Louisiana hospitals and health systems proactively work to improve health outcomes, quality of care, safety, and satisfaction of their patients and communities; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana hospitals and health systems provide comprehensive care for every medical need at every stage of life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Wednesday, May 15, 2024, as Hospital Day in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE