

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

HEALTH/SMOKING: Proclaims the first week in November as Krewe de Quit Week in an effort to promote smoking cessation in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To proclaim the first week in November as Krewe de Quit Week in an effort to promote
3 smoking cessation in Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, tobacco use is the most preventable cause of disease, disability, and
5 death in the United States, yet over one quarter of adults in Louisiana smoke; and

6 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, an estimated seven thousand two hundred adults die
7 annually of diseases caused by their own smoking, and approximately one thousand children
8 and adults die each year as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

9 WHEREAS, the economic burden of smoking in the United States is immense, as
10 the total economic costs related to smoking in this country exceed three hundred billion
11 dollars annually, including one hundred seventy billion dollars spent annually on direct
12 medical care for adults with smoking-related illnesses; and

13 WHEREAS, nearly seven in ten adult smokers would like to quit smoking, and over
14 fifty-six percent of Louisiana smokers have made a quit attempt within the past year; and

15 WHEREAS, smokers desiring to quit should have access to approved therapies such
16 as counseling, nicotine replacement therapy, and pharmaceutical interventions, as well as
17 multiple channels for outreach and support; and

18 WHEREAS, Louisiana residents may be unaware of the smoking cessation
19 treatments and services available to them to help them quit, or lack the support they need in
20 order to successfully quit; and

1 WHEREAS, smoking cessation treatment options are available to eligible Louisiana
2 residents through the Smoking Cessation Trust, which provides cessation medications,
3 counseling, telephone quit-line support, and intensive cessation support services at no cost
4 to participants; and

5 WHEREAS, Krewe de Quit is a Louisiana smoking cessation campaign that
6 introduces smokers and their supporters to Louisiana's smoking cessation resources and
7 gives healthcare providers valuable smoking cessation tools; and

8 WHEREAS, by joining the Krewe, Louisiana smokers can build support among
9 family members and friends who can keep them inspired and motivated during their efforts
10 to quit, as well as find tools to help them to plan their quitting and to register for the free
11 services of the Smoking Cessation Trust; and

12 WHEREAS, by providing smokers with the support needed to help them quit, Krewe
13 de Quit aims to reduce the rate of smoking among adults in Louisiana to twenty-one percent
14 by 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, efforts to promote smoking cessation are vital to protecting public
16 health and promoting wellness in our beloved state.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby proclaim the first week in November as Krewe de Quit
19 Week in an effort to promote smoking cessation in Louisiana.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
21 of Louisiana does hereby encourage Louisianians who have a desire to beat an addiction to
22 cigarettes to visit www.SmokeFreeLA.org to learn how the trust can help them in their
23 efforts to live smoke-free.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
25 to the chairperson of the board and the executive director of the Smoking Cessation Trust.

DIGEST

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