

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes the month of June 2016 as "Go Purple Month" for Alzheimer's awareness

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To foster awareness about Alzheimer's disease and to recognize the month of June 2016 as
3 "Go Purple Month".

4 WHEREAS, the national Alzheimer's Association has declared June 2016 to be
5 Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month; and

6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United
7 States; more people die of Alzheimer's disease than breast and prostate cancer patients
8 combined; and

9 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association recognizes that everyone who has a brain
10 is at risk of developing Alzheimer's, a progressive brain disease that has no cure and is not
11 a normal part of the aging process; fewer than fifty percent of people with Alzheimer's
12 disease report being told of their diagnosis; and

13 WHEREAS, more than fifteen million Americans provide unpaid care for individuals
14 with Alzheimer's or some other form of dementia; healthcare costs for patients with
15 Alzheimer's and other dementias could reach two hundred thirty-six billion dollars nationally
16 in 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, the Alzheimer's Association has estimated that there are
18 as many as eighty-four thousand citizens aged sixty-five and older who suffer from the
19 disease; and

20 WHEREAS, the symptoms of Alzheimer's include difficulty remembering newly
21 learned information; disorientation; mood and behavioral changes; deepening confusion

1 about events, times, and places; unfounded suspicions about family, friends, and caregivers;
2 and difficulty speaking, swallowing, and walking; and

3 WHEREAS, the color purple was selected to symbolize support for those who work
4 with patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's and family and friends who are caregivers of
5 Alzheimer's patients; and

6 WHEREAS, research is ongoing to uncover critical information for the diagnosis and
7 treatment of Alzheimer's and related dementias, and during the month of June, Louisiana
8 citizens are encouraged to wear purple and take action to raise awareness of this deadly
9 disease.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the month of June 2016 as "Go Purple
12 Month" in solidarity with the Alzheimer's Association.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 9 Original

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

Amedee

Recognizes June 2016 as "Go Purple Month" for Alzheimer's Awareness.