

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR MORRELL

SENATE. Recognizes March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Wednesday, March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day campaign at the Louisiana
3 State Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, trauma is the leading cause of death in the United States for people ages
5 one to forty-four, and the fourth leading cause of death for all ages; and

6 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana loses over four thousand citizens per year to
7 traumatic injury, a death rate that is twenty-four percent higher than that of the United States
8 as a whole; and

9 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has the highest homicide mortality rate of any
10 state in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, uncontrolled bleeding is the leading cause of preventable death from
12 traumatic injury; and

13 WHEREAS, when a person is losing blood, every minute counts, and the Stop the
14 Bleed campaign of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is informing Americans about
15 vital measures to aid trauma victims during the initial minutes after an injury; and

16 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign was created in the wake of the 2012 mass
17 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School; a panel of experts was convened, among them
18 representatives of the American College of Surgeons including the late trauma surgeon

1 Dr. Norman McSwain of Louisiana; and their review led to the development of the Stop the
2 Bleed campaign; and

3 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, implementation of the program is being guided by trauma
4 surgeons and emergency physicians from University Medical Center, Tulane School of
5 Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and Louisiana
6 State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, including members of the Louisiana
7 Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and the Committee on Trauma in conjunction
8 with the Spirit of Charity Foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, because a trauma victim can bleed to death within five minutes and
10 before professional emergency care arrives, the program teaches citizens bleeding-control
11 methods developed by the military and first responders; and

12 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign also provides bleeding-control kits that
13 include such tools as tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic agents that can be used
14 to provide swift assistance at the scene of a mass casualty or other incident; these kits can
15 be affixed to walls in public places, much like the cardiac defibrillators with which many
16 modern buildings are furnished; and

17 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign is empowering citizens across the country
18 and the state of Louisiana to save lives in situations when time is the difference between life
19 and death.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby recognize March 21, 2018, as Stop the Bleed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol,
22 and encourages all citizens of Louisiana to participate in the initiative, support the placement
23 of bleeding-control kits in schools and in public and private buildings, and learn more about
24 the importance of bleeding-control measures to save lives in their communities.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
26 Dr. Jennifer Avegno and Dr. Rebecca Schroll at Stop the Bleed, New Orleans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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