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S22RS SGR No. 7 (Believing Day)

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifty Fifth Student Senate



AT THE SPRING REGULAR SESSION OF
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

S.G.R. 7

ENROLLED
AUTHORED BY SENATORS:
DELATTE, PUDEUR

A Resolution

*To Urge and Request to declare Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as Start by
Believing Day.*

- 1 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana and the student body of Louisiana State
- 2 University share a critical concern for victims of sexual violence and a
- 3 desire to support their needs for justice and healing; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, STAR's Capital Area Branch which serves LSU, assisted 728
- 6 callers, advocated on behalf of 1,947 victims, held 1,490 individual
- 7 counseling sessions and provided to legal services to 128 victims in 2021;
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- 10 WHEREAS, current estimates suggest no more than twenty percent of
- 11 sexual assaults will be reported to law enforcement and less than three
- 12 percent will result in the conviction and incarceration of the
- 13 perpetrator; and
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- 15 WHEREAS, research documents that victims are far more likely to
- 16 disclose their sexual assault to a friend or family member, and when these
- 17 loved ones respond with doubt, shame, or blame, victims suffer additional
- 18 negative effects on their physical and psychological well-being; and
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- 20 WHEREAS, the Start by Believing public awareness campaign, a program
- 21 of End Violence Against Women International, is designed to improve the
- 22 responses of friends, family members, and community professionals, so

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23 they can help victims to access supportive resources and engage the
 24 criminal justice system.
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27 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE
 28 UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE, that Student Government does hereby
 29 declare Tuesday, March 8, 2022, as Start by Believing Day and does
 30 hereby express support of the Start by Believing public awareness
 31 campaign.
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE
 35 SUBMITTED TO Jane Cassidy and the Title IX Office.
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37 THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE by a simple
 38 majority (one-half plus one) vote of the LSU Student Senate and signature
 39 by the Student Body President, upon lapse of time for presidential action,
 40 or if vetoed by the President and subsequently approved by the Senate, on
 41 the date of such approval.

APPROVED:



ALEXANDRA BASSE

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: 03/02/22



JAVIN BOWMAN

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: 03/17/21