

By: Representative Tullos

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 11-17, 2022, AS
2 "THE PHILLIP CAMERON HENDRY MISSISSIPPI MOSQUITO AND WEST NILE
3 VIRUS AWARENESS WEEK" TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
4 EFFECTIVELY MANAGING MOSQUITOES AND THE PREVENTION OF WEST NILE
5 VIRUS.

6 WHEREAS, warming temperatures combined with late spring rains
7 create ideal conditions for mosquitoes to breed, including the
8 mosquitoes that transmit West Nile Virus; and

9 WHEREAS, mosquitoes infected with West Nile Virus, which is
10 caught by them from infected birds, can transfer it to humans and
11 other animals, and humans infected with the virus, particularly
12 children, people with weakened immune systems, and the elderly,
13 may become seriously ill; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2019, Mississippi had 15 human cases of West Nile
15 Virus, with no deaths; in 2018, the state had 50 cases with no
16 deaths; and in 2017, the state had 63 cases with two deaths; and

17 WHEREAS, most cases reportedly occur between July and
18 September, and infected persons may experience symptoms including



19 fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, rash, muscle weakness or
20 swollen lymph nodes; and

21 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that all public schools
22 teach prevention of West Nile Virus in the health, science and
23 biology classes and include insect repellent as part of the school
24 supplies that are in each classroom at the start of the school
25 year, particularly for the elementary grades; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize
27 and acknowledge matters of significance such as managing
28 mosquitoes, which has been a function of the State Department of
29 Health, and West Nile Virus awareness, which is a related public
30 health issue:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
33 THEREIN, That we do hereby designate April 11-17, 2022, as "The
34 Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus
35 Awareness Week" to promote awareness of the importance of
36 effectively managing mosquitoes and the prevention of West Nile
37 Virus and encourage the State Board of Health, the State Board of
38 Education and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)
39 to use this awareness week to disseminate information to schools
40 and families regarding effective mosquito management.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
42 furnished to the State Board of Health, State Board of Education,
43 UMMC and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

