

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.

