

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of healthcare institutions; and
- WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in vulnerable populations such as hospitalized and minority populations, with older adults having the highest rate of malnutrition compared to other groups; and
- WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and
- WHEREAS, nutrition is a human right and social determinant of health, and malnutrition is intensified by disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and
- WHEREAS, malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays; and
- WHEREAS, malnourished patients have double hospital costs compared to average; and
- WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreases functional capacity, and affects quality of life; and
- WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the United States
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Jeff Landry**, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024 as **Malnutrition Awareness Week** in the State of Louisiana.



In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana at the Capitol in the city of Baton Rouge on this 16th day of September A.D. 2024.

Jeff Landry
Governor of Louisiana