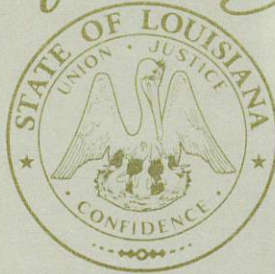


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PROCLAMATION

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- WHEREAS,** nutrition is a human right and social determinant of health, and malnutrition is exacerbated in settings of disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and
- WHEREAS,** disease-related malnutrition is a highly prevalent form of malnutrition and each day, approximately 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed; and
- WHEREAS,** twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk or have malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS,** malnutrition leads to more complications, falls and readmissions, and plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity and affects quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** screening, assessment, diagnosis and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the Louisiana and nationwide.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 18 - 22, 2023 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 18th day of September A. D., 2023.

John Bel Edwards
Governor