



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, blood cancers are types of cancer that can affect the bone marrow, the blood cells, the lymph nodes and other parts of the lymphatic system; and

WHEREAS, there are three main types of blood cancers leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, an estimated over 170,000 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma, accounting for about 10 percent of new cancer cases diagnosed in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1.4 million people in the U.S. are living with leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma, with some in remission status; and

WHEREAS, blood cancers cause almost 60,000 cancer deaths annually in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is a fast-growing form of blood cancer that progresses quickly if not treated; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, an estimated 19,500 new cases of AML will be diagnosed and it is estimated that over 10,000 will die of this disease in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, AML is primarily diagnosed in older people, with approximately 75 percent of new cases diagnosed in patients 55 years of age and older and 58 percent diagnosed in patients 65 years of age and older; and


WHEREAS, Blood Cancer Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to increase awareness of blood cancers, including AML, and improve diagnosis, care and treatment of blood cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, **I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as**

BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
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 1st day of September
A. D. 2019*



Governor of Louisiana