

John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

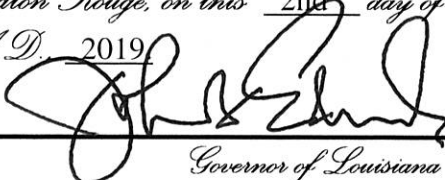
- WHEREAS,** research has proven that addiction to alcohol and other drugs is a chronic disease, but one that can be treated; and
- WHEREAS,** addiction to opioids has become such a serious public health crisis that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency in 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** 455 people died from opioid misuse in Louisiana in 2018 which translates to a 184% increase in opioid-related deaths from 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana has utilized almost \$50 million in federal grant funds to address the opioid crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** recovery from opioid use disorders as well as mental and/or substance use disorders is being celebrated in September 2019 as part of Louisiana Recovery Month; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals with opioid use disorders can achieve and sustain long-term recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** prevention, intervention and treatment strategies should be implemented in tandem with recovery support services to reduce opioid abuse and overdoses; and
- WHEREAS,** stakeholders across the state can learn how to implement real solutions to the opioid crisis that will engage and empower their communities through proven action steps at the Louisiana Opioid Action Summit on September 4-6, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 2-6, 2019 as

A CALL TO ACTION 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 2nd day of September
A.D. 2019.*


Governor of Louisiana