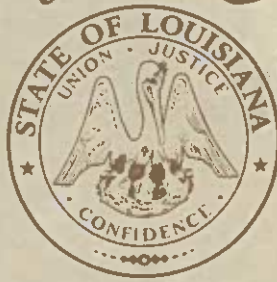


Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Covid-19 Crisis has impacted all Louisiana citizens and residents in some manner, but especially those with chronic obstructive lung disease, including chronic bronchitis, asthma, emphysema and other serious lung diseases of known and unknown causes, as well as cardiovascular disease and metabolic conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens suffering from these conditions have comprised a large portion of those who have been hospitalized or who have died as a consequence; and
- WHEREAS,** many of these disorders are presently incurable, and those afflicted with Covid-19 have required hospitalization and treatment with mechanical ventilation, oxygen and aerosolized medication; and
- WHEREAS,** Respiratory Care Practitioners are the health care practitioners trained specifically to provide ventilation and aerosolized medicine treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients with incapacitating or life-threatening diseases, Respiratory Care Practitioners play a critical role daily and have been continuously been on the frontlines serving our state during the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** Respiratory Care Practitioners have worked tirelessly during the pandemic as they treat and care for persons young and old, from the premature infant, the child with cystic fibrosis or asthma, to an elderly patient with advanced emphysema or cardiovascular disease and those with metabolic conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Respiratory Care Practitioners apply their skills and knowledge to relieve distressing symptoms, restore normal lung capacity or help their patients conserve and make the best use of their remaining lung function; and
- WHEREAS,** the application of Respiratory Care Practitioners' training and skills can lead to a complete recovery, prolong life or make the patient more comfortable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 24 - October 30, 2021 as

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS 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 24th day of October A. D., 2021.



John Bel Edwards
Governor