

Office of the Governor



JOHN BEL EDWARDS

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week;" and
- WHEREAS,** in 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and
- WHEREAS,** activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm State of Louisiana commitment to an inclusive community that increases access and opportunities to all, including individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT 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 October A. D., 2022.



Handwritten signature of John Bel Edwards in blue ink.

John Bel Edwards
Governor