



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as CF, is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and affecting hundreds of individuals in Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** a defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and absorb food; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene, and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and
- WHEREAS,** spreading awareness of CF improves the length and quality of life of people living with CF; and
- WHEREAS,** Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month is an opportunity to increase awareness about CF and to encourage continued research for a cure.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have herewith 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 May
A. D., 2018.*


Governor of Louisiana