



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** employees with diverse abilities strengthens businesses, increases competition and drives innovation; and
- WHEREAS,** when we diversify our workforce we create opportunities for growth and improvement -- not just for those with disabilities, but for everyone; 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,** Disability Employment Awareness Month supports the "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act" in increasing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to engage in competitive integrated employment; and
- WHEREAS,** activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** in this spirit, the State of Louisiana recognizes National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2017 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 2nd day of October*

A. D., 2017.



Governor of Louisiana