

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 28 JML 2024

NOT ON HERB DAY – MAY 28, 2024

WHEREAS, Louisiana is the most unique state in the nation, America’s first melting pot of culture and a welcoming place to all;

WHEREAS, Herb Jones was born in Alabama to Walter and Verlander Jones and has fought Hemolytic Anemia, a disorder in which the red blood cells are destroyed faster than they can be made;

WHEREAS, Herb Jones was taught basketball by his father and honed his craft under the tutelage of Louisiana legend Avery Johnson, twice earning spots on the SEC All-Defensive Team;

WHEREAS, Herb Jones was selected in the second round of the 2021 NBA draft with the 35th pick by the New Orleans Pelicans on July 29, 2021, and he has quickly become the NBA’s best perimeter defender;

WHEREAS, Herb Jones began his career ranking third in the NBA in steals and fourth in deflections before being selected to the NBA All-Rookie Second Team;

WHEREAS, Herb Jones finished the 2023-2024 regular season as one of four players in the NBA to compile at least 100 steals and 60 blocks and ranked fourth in the NBA in both contested and blocked three-pointers;

WHEREAS, NBA superstars Paul George, Donovan Mitchell, Dejounte Murray, Zion Williamson, and others have respectfully acknowledged the defensive prowess of Herb Jones

WHEREAS, Gregg Popovich, the NBA’s all-time winningest coach and the coach of five NBA Champions, told his players to “avoid [Herb Jones] like the plague” and “if [Herb]’s there, pass it to someone else;”

WHEREAS, Herb Jones was named to the NBA All-Defensive First Team, the only non-center to be included, on May 21, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE I, **JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2024, as Not On Herb Day in the State of Louisiana and urge citizens of our state to recognize on this day not only Herb's on-court achievements, but also his humility, his work ethic, and his commitment to our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on 28th day of May 2024.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE