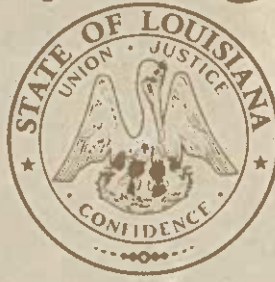


Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Louisiana has more than 1.1 million children living in families that need support from their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** these children deserve to live and grow in healthy, nurturing environments, free from threats of violence and harm; and
- WHEREAS,** the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and
- WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect can be reduced by ensuring that families have support to raise their children in a healthy environment; and
- WHEREAS,** all Louisiana residents have a role to play in supporting families; and
- WHEREAS,** during the month of April, public and private sector agencies, childcare professionals, child advocates and residents will be promoting community involvement to reduce parental isolation and raising awareness to educate parents and help prevent abuse before it ever starts.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as**

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION 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 April A. D., 2022.



John Bel Edwards
Governor