PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, genders and income levels; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, women in Louisiana are killed at a rate of 63 percent higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, children of maternal victims of domestic violence experience lifelong repercussions from the trauma of domestic violence exposure; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to the heinous crime of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to increase awareness about preventing domestic abuse and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide lifesaving advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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.

John Bel Edwards
Governor