PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 2022 marks Infant Mortality Awareness Month and is designed to increase the community's awareness of the high rates of infant deaths as infant mortality continues to impact families and communities; and

WHEREAS, infant mortality refers to the death of a baby under one year of age; and

WHEREAS, premature birth, low birth weight and birth defects are among the leading causes of infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the United States of America is 5.547 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the African American IMR is 2.3 times that of non-Hispanic whites; and

WHEREAS, the Infant Mortality Awareness Month provides opportunities for communities to get involved and promote better health for mothers, babies and families throughout Louisiana.

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

INFANT MORTALITY 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 September A. D., 2022.

John Bel Edwards
Governor