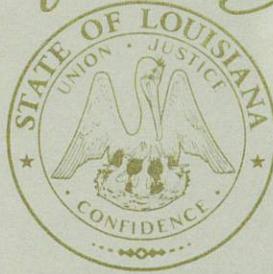


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JOHN BEL EDWARDS

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the 55th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and
- WHEREAS,** this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and
- WHEREAS,** a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

FAIR HOUSING 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., 2023.



Handwritten signature of John Bel Edwards in black ink.

John Bel Edwards
Governor