



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** alcohol and drug abuse in the United States have reached epidemic stages; and
- WHEREAS,** substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers - accidents, homicides and suicides; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Red Ribbon Campaign will be celebrated in every community during Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** the Red Ribbon Campaign offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs); and
- WHEREAS,** it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the goal of Red Ribbon Week to involve families, schools businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign and to establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education and on-going initiatives to prevent illegal drug use.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2017 as

RED RIBBON WEEK
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 23rd day of October
A.D., 2017.*


Governor of Louisiana

