

John Bel Edwards

GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program, the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program was established by the U.S. Department of Energy in 1976 for states and communities to assist low-income families to have more energy efficient, safe and healthy homes; and

WHEREAS, low-income households pay a disproportionate share of the national cost for residential energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, for every \$1 invested in the program, weatherization returns \$1.72 in energy benefits and \$2.78 in non-energy benefits; and

WHEREAS, after weatherization, families have homes that are more livable, resulting in fewer missed days of work and decreased out-of-pocket medical expenses by an average of \$514; and

WHEREAS, administered by the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC), the Program is operated primarily by community action agencies and local governmental entities serving all 64 parishes as part of their effort to help low-income residents of Louisiana sustain themselves and advance economically and socially; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program has invested over \$47 million into the Louisiana community since 2010 to weatherize an average of 650 homes per year, thereby affecting the lives of thousands of Louisianans, including many who are elderly and disabled, and many families with children; and

WHEREAS, the LHC Weatherization Assistance Program conducts energy audits, investing as much as \$7,200 in a home and providing an array of improvements; and

WHEREAS, weatherization efforts contribute to the state's economic, social and environmental progress by creating jobs, purchasing materials and other goods and services improving housing stabilizing neighborhoods, eliminating carbon emissions and reducing the risk of fires; and

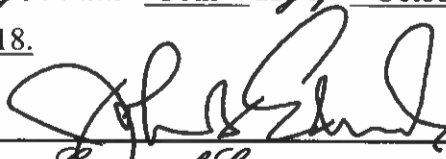
WHEREAS, its proven effectiveness and its recognized potential to do more for the common good has gained the growing support of the public and private interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2018, as

WEATHERIZATION DAY
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have herewith 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 30th day of October
A.D., 2018.*


Governor of Louisiana