

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana
Governor
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, it is important to educate children, families, and communities about disability issues and to emphasize the fact that people with disabilities are active, contributing members of society; and
- WHEREAS, people with disabilities should have the opportunity to receive a proper education and have the ability to work, shop, play, and be involved in community activities without the hindrance of prejudice and physical barriers; and
- WHEREAS, the main goal is to help break down these barriers and build bridges to allow for inclusion, not exclusion; and
- WHEREAS, when the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was passed, it represented a promise that the nation would no longer underestimate the abilities of Americans with disabilities and has played a critical role in helping secure a future of enhanced opportunity with new freedoms for workers with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, the dedication and invaluable contributions, vital services, and innumerable accomplishments of all individuals with disabilities should be recognized; and
- WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and the Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs invites all Louisiana citizens to support and encourage family and community involvement and participation in public events and activities to increase awareness of disability issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

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 the 4th day of September A. D., 2007

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana

[Signature]
Secretary of State