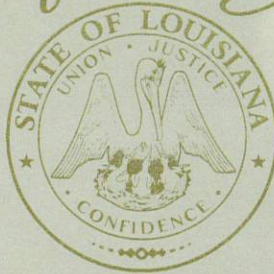


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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and
- WHEREAS,** gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks; and
- WHEREAS,** gout impacts a patient's workplace, community and daily quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans, and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and
- WHEREAS,** Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and
- WHEREAS,** stigma, lack of awareness and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and
- WHEREAS,** heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience, and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week of May 22, 2023 as

GOUT AWARENESS DAY
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 22nd day of May A. D., 2023.

John Bel Edwards
Governor

