



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** 774 million people in the world today cannot read or write, and over twenty percent of adults in the United States read at or below a fifth grade reading level; and
- WHEREAS,** the ability to read and write is essential to our children's academic success and ability to compete in the global economy; and
- WHEREAS,** introducing our children at an early age to literature and encouraging a love of reading increases prospects for success in school, the workforce and society; and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Department of Education is focused on helping Louisiana students prepare to succeed in higher education and in their careers; and
- WHEREAS,** parents, families, neighbors and mentors play a crucial role in helping children learn to read; and
- WHEREAS,** Literacy Week is an opportunity to promote and recognize the importance of literacy in Louisiana and participate in programs, ceremonies and activities targeted at giving our children and young adults the gift, joy and promise of reading.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim February 11-17, 2018 as

LITERACY 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 11th day of February
A.D., 2018.*



Governor of Louisiana