



**Jeff Landry**  
GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** alcohol-impaired driving is a major cause of crashes and fatalities on America's roadways and;

**WHEREAS,** alcohol Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase outreach and education regarding the dangers of alcoholism and issues related to alcohol; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2023, in Louisiana, 736 people were killed or seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes, and 428 citizens were in crashes involving drivers suspected of using drugs or a combination of alcohol and other substances; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2023, 26% of Louisiana's traffic fatalities involved at least one driver with a blood alcohol concentration of .08% BAC or higher; and

**WHEREAS,** Misuse of alcohol increases the risk of liver disease, heart disease, depression, stroke, stomach bleeding, and various cancers; and

**WHEREAS,** compared to those who begin drinking at 21, individuals who consume alcohol before 15 face an elevated risk of developing an alcohol use disorder and are more prone to alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes; and

**WHEREAS,** youth alcohol consumption correlates with academic, social, legal, and health issues, including increased risk of violence, suicide, homicide, substance misuse, and long-term effects on brain development; and

**WHEREAS,** statewide efforts can prevent and address alcohol and substance abuse issues, and support individuals, families, and communities in combatting alcoholism and related problems.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, **Jeff Landry**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2024 to be

**ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**  
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 1st day of April A.D. 2024*



Governor of Louisiana