

Office of the Governor



JOHN BEL EDWARDS

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** school social workers in the State of Louisiana and across the nation serve as vital members of the educational team, playing a central role in creating a positive school climate and vital partnership between the home, school and community to ensure academic success; and
- WHEREAS,** school social workers improve the fabric of school systems by caring for those who have been left behind, or for those who have lost their voice; and
- WHEREAS,** school social workers are skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one and other barriers to learning; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a growing need for school districts and educational agencies to enhance the services provided by school social workers to address students' emotional, physical and environmental needs so that students may achieve academic success; and
- WHEREAS,** school social workers strive to change systems and customs that limit the ability of vulnerable individuals and groups to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and
- WHEREAS,** School Social Work Week is a way to show support of the school social work professionals which upholds the theme, "Beacon of Hope".
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 5 - 11, 2023 as

**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER 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 5th day of March A. D., 2023.

Handwritten signature of John Bel Edwards in black ink.

John Bel Edwards  
Governor