State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 32 JBE 2021

STATEWIDE DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE
FOR THOSE LOST TO COVID-19 IN LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Louisiana confirmed its first case of the novel coronavirus, commonly called COVID-19; and on March 14, 2020, Louisiana sadly saw its first death from this illness;

WHEREAS, we have lost thousands of mothers, fathers, children, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends, co-workers and neighbors, and their absence leaves a deep void in families, communities, and the fabric of our state;

WHEREAS, as of Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at least 9,769 Louisianans have died of COVID-19, leaving behind loved ones who are searching for answers during this dark moment for our people;

WHEREAS, every Louisianan lost to COVID-19 is one too many, and our state mourns for all those who have died during this terrible pandemic;

WHEREAS, the risk of COVID-19 infection is still very real throughout Louisiana and our nation, which is why all Louisianans are called on to continue taking common sense measures to prevent sickness and death, including: wearing a mask, social distancing, hand washing, getting tested, and getting a vaccine;

WHEREAS, all of us are grateful to Louisiana's health care professionals, who since day one of this horrible pandemic have bravely and valiantly worked hard every day to save as many lives as possible and continue to do so. We are also immensely grateful to those who have selflessly worked and continue to do their part in slowing the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, prayer and remembrance unite the people of Louisiana during trying times, especially as many of us are still separated from our loved ones and our normal lives because of the risk of COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS, though our people are mourning, they are resilient and strong and, through prayer, personal reflection and continued diligence, the state of Louisiana will end this pandemic and rebound from the difficulties and challenges of the past year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

To honor and remember those who have died during the COVID-19 pandemic in Louisiana, Sunday, March 14, 2021 is proclaimed as a *Statewide Day of Prayer and Remembrance*, and all Louisianans are asked to pray or reflect on the great loss faced by the people of our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 9th day of March, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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