From the Office of the Parish President of

St. John the Baptist Parish
State of Louisiana

Proclamation

March as National Kidney Month
March 10th as World Kidney Day

WHEREAS, *March is National Kidney Month and March 10, 2022 is World Kidney Day; and*

WHEREAS, *there are an estimated 37 million Americans with kidney disease, and 1 in 3 adults are at risk for kidney disease; and*

WHEREAS, *Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the United States and it is growing in prevalence; Louisiana ranks number one per capita in incidences of chronic kidney disease because of the high prevalence of high blood pressure and diabetes in our population; and*

WHEREAS, *most people are unaware that the risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity and a family history of kidney disease; and*

WHEREAS, *African Americans, Hispanics, and Latinos are at increased risk for developing kidney disease; and*

WHEREAS, *people hospitalized with COVID-19 are at significant risk of developing an acute kidney injury; and*

WHEREAS, *it is critical that attention be brought to this often overlooked health crisis;*

WHEREAS, *the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is calling on everyone to "Heart Your Kidneys" and take the "Minute for Your Kidneys" quiz to raise awareness of kidney disease;*

Now, therefore I, Jaclyn Hotard, Parish President, *in recognition of this important health observance, do hereby recognize March to be "National Kidney Month" and Thursday, March 10, 2022 to be "World Kidney Day".*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this Parish to be Affixed

Jaclyn Hotard
Parish President

Attest Megan Jones