

*From the Office of the Parish President of
St. John the Baptist Parish
State of Louisiana*

Proclamation



March as National Kidney Month

- 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 10th 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** in St. John the Baptist Parish*



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

Jaclyn Hotard

Parish President

St. John the Baptist Parish

Attest *Megem Jenkins*
