

Jefferson Parish

WHEREAS, Kidneys play a vital role in maintaining the overall health and well-being of individuals; and,

WHEREAS, Kidney diseases affect millions of people worldwide, posing a significant health challenge that requires increased awareness and prevention efforts. Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the United States, resulting in more deaths than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined; and,

WHEREAS, 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. In Louisiana alone, over 460,000 citizens are diagnosed with chronic kidney disease, of which over 16,000 are on dialysis and 1,800 are waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant; and,

WHEREAS, The month of March is annually designated as National Kidney Month, serving as a time to raise awareness about kidney health, promote preventive measures, and support those affected by kidney diseases; and,

WHEREAS, World Kidney Day, observed on March 14, 2024, serves as a global initiative to highlight the importance of kidneys and the need for early detection and intervention to prevent kidney diseases; and,

WHEREAS, Through education, outreach and advocacy, we can empower individuals to make informed decisions about their kidney health, leading to healthier lives and communities; and,

WHEREAS, All Jefferson Parish citizens are encouraged to participate in activities that promote kidney health awareness, support those affected by kidney diseases and take proactive measures to maintain their own kidney health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, PRESIDENT OF JEFFERSON PARISH, do proclaim March as

NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH IN JEFFERSON PARISH

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF JEFFERSON PARISH THIS
1st DAY OF MARCH, 2024**


CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, PRESIDENT

