



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *There are an estimated 37 million Americans with kidney disease, and one (1) in three (3) adults are at risk for kidney disease; and*

WHEREAS, *Kidney disease is the tenth (10th) leading cause of death in the United States and it is growing in prevalence; and*

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

WHEREAS, *Louisiana ranks number one (1) per capita in incidences of chronic kidney disease because of the high prevalence of high blood pressure and diabetes in our population; and*

WHEREAS, *African Americans, Hispanics, and Latinos are at an 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; and*

WHEREAS, *March is National Kidney Month and March 9, 2023 is World Kidney Day; and*

WHEREAS, *The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is calling on everyone to “Heart Your Kidneys” and take the “Minutes for Your Kidneys” quiz to raise awareness of kidney disease.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRIDAY ELLIS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA, *on behalf of the Monroe City Council and our citizens, in recognition of this important health observance, do hereby recognize March to be*

“National Kidney Month”

And Thursday, March 9, 2023, to be “World Kidney Day”

Signed and presented this 9th day of March 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Friday Ellis", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Friday Ellis