

# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH - WORLD KIDNEY DAY

**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; 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

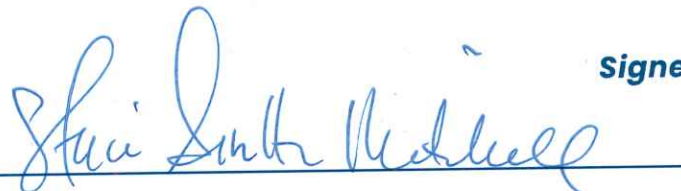
**Whereas:** Louisiana ranks number one per capita in incidences of chronic kidney disease because of the high prevalence of high blood pressure and diabetes in our population; and

**Whereas:** In our state 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 life-saving kidney transplant; 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 as recognized by the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, this year's campaign theme is, "Kidney Health for All- Preparing for the Unexpected, Supporting the Vulnerable".

**Now, therefore I,** Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the city of West Monroe, 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".



Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor

Signed and presented this 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of March 2023