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Proclamation

From the
Office of the Mayor-President
City of Baton Rouge
Parish of East Baton Rouge
State of Louisiana

- WHEREAS,** there are an estimated 37 million Americans with kidney disease, and 1 in 3 adults are at risk for kidney disease. Kidney disease is the 8th 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,** African Americans, Hispanics, and Latinos are at increased risk for developing kidney disease, and
- WHEREAS,** The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is responding to the challenge to prevent kidney diseases, accelerating innovation for the dignity of the patient experience and dismantling structural inequities in kidney care, dialysis and transplantation, and
- WHEREAS,** March is National Kidney Month and March 14, 2024, is World Kidney Day, and
- 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, Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge in recognition of this important health observance, do hereby recognize March to be "National Kidney Month" and Thursday, March 14, 2024 to be

"World Kidney Day"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, to be affixed upon this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four.

Sharon Weston Broome
Mayor-President

