

Office of the Mayor
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Proclamation

Whereas: There are an estimated 37 million Americans with kidney disease, and 1 in 3 adults are at risk for kidney disease.

Whereas: Kidney disease is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and it is growing in prevalence.

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.

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.

Whereas: African Americans, Hispanics, and Latinos are at increased risk for developing kidney disease.

Whereas: People hospitalized with COVID-19 are at significant risk of developing an acute kidney injury.

Whereas: It is critical that attention be brought to this often overlooked health crisis.

Whereas: March is National Kidney Month and March 9, 2023 is World Kidney Day.

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.

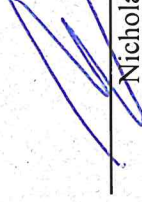
NOW, THEREFORE, I, NICHOLAS E. HUNTER, Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, in the sovereign State of Louisiana, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of March, 2023 as

“National Kidney Month”

in the City of Lake Charles and Thursday, March 9, 2023 to be “World Kidney Day.”

*In Witness Whereof, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused to be
affixed the official seal of the City of
Lake Charles on this*

Date March 1, 2023



Nicholas E. Hunter
Mayor of Lake Charles