

Governor
Bobby Jindal

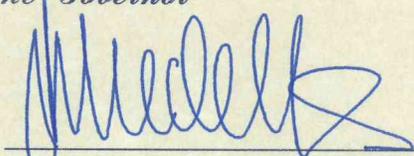
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** it is important to educate children, families, and communities about disability issues and to emphasize the fact that disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** people with disabilities should have an opportunity to receive a proper education and have the ability to work, shop, play and be involved in community activities without the hindrance of prejudice and physical barriers; and
- WHEREAS,** the main goal in regarding individuals with disabilities is to “assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for such individuals;” and
- WHEREAS,** when the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 were passed, it represented a promise that the nation and the state would no longer underestimate the abilities of Americans with disabilities and has played a critical role in helping secure a future of enhanced opportunity with new freedom for persons with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** respect for individual dignity, personal responsibility, self-determination, and pursuit of meaningful careers, based on informed choices of individuals with disabilities, should be recognized.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

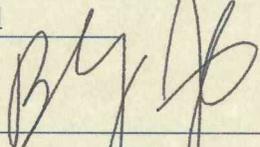
DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 1st day of October
A. D., 2011*


Governor of Louisiana