



Governor  
**Bobby Jindal**

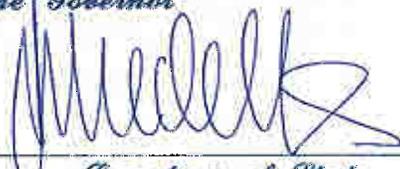
## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** groundwater is a vital natural resource that is essential to the health and well-being of humanity and the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Ground Water Association ([www.NGWA.org](http://www.NGWA.org)) has designated one week in the month of March each year, to further water knowledge and protection through education and outreach; and
- WHEREAS,** the NGWA and individual states promote the scheduling of yearly water well maintenance/checkup so that groundwater wells provide quality drinking water for its users; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana is privileged to enjoy abundant amounts of clean, fresh, renewable groundwater, with nearly half of its citizens drawing their daily drinking water from groundwater supplies; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's farmers and ranchers use groundwater to irrigate their fields of cotton, rice, sugar cane, corn, sweet potatoes, soybeans, sorghum, berries and other crops, and to raise livestock and poultry; and
- WHEREAS,** business and industry in Louisiana use groundwater for power generation, production processes, and other applications that contribute to the state's overall economic development; and
- WHEREAS,** the protection, management, and conservation of this renewable resource for generations to come is of the utmost importance to every Louisiana citizen; and
- WHEREAS,** the state Office of Conservation, along with numerous community organizations, as well as state and federal agencies, do hereby acknowledge the importance for continuing public awareness and good stewardship of this natural resource.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 9-15, 2014, as

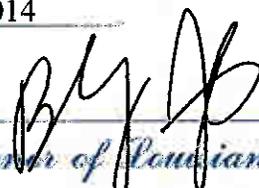
### **GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of Louisiana.



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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March  
A.D., 2014*

  
Governor of Louisiana