



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** groundwater is a vital natural resource that is essential to the health and well-being of humanity and the environment the world over; and

Louisiana is privileged to enjoy abundant amounts of clean, fresh, renewable groundwater; and

**WHEREAS,** nearly half of Louisiana's citizens draw their daily drinking water from groundwater supplies; and

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

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 Louisiana Office of Conservation promotes continuing public education and good stewardship of this natural resource.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 10-16, 2013, 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* 10<sup>th</sup> *day of* March

19, 2013

  
Governor of Louisiana