

Proclamation

WHEREAS, East Baton Rouge Parish is privileged to enjoy the Southern Hills Aquifer System, an abundant source of clean, fresh, naturally filtered groundwater; and

WHEREAS, this supply represents a vital resource for citizens and businesses in East Baton Rouge Parish; and

WHEREAS, East Baton Rouge Parish consumes on average nearly 160 million gallons of groundwater from the Southern Hills system on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the proper management and conservation of the Southern Hills system is of the utmost importance to the economy and quality of life in East Baton Rouge Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of Conservation has launched a public awareness effort known as "Water-Wise in BR", including a new website, to enhance general knowledge about the groundwater resources in East Baton Rouge Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Melvin "Kip" Holden, Mayor-President of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, hereby do proclaim

MARCH 10-16 2013

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GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK

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 thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.



**Melvin L. "Kip" Holden
Mayor-President**