WHEREAS, ground water, the water that fills cracks and other openings in beds of rocks and sand, is a vital natural resource, making up about 90 percent of the world’s fresh water supply, excluding polar ice caps; and

WHEREAS, ground water is a renewable resource that can be replenished naturally by precipitation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana uses approximately 1.6 billion gallons of ground water each day; and

WHEREAS, private water wells tapping ground water resources often can provide the highest quality water available to citizens, homeowners and businesses; and

WHEREAS, almost 70 percent of Louisiana’s population depends upon ground water for its drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the National Ground Water Association, together with the Louisiana Ground Water Commission promote good stewardship and are the Primary Sponsors of National Ground Water Awareness Week, March 6 – 12, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 6-12, 2011 as

GROUND WATER AWARENESS WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.