

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
State of Louisiana

Governor  
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

- 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 state's Ground Water Commission encourages conservation and protection of the state's natural resources by reducing waste, particularly for ground water usage; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Ground Water Association, together with the Louisiana Ground Water Resources Commission, promotes good stewardship and are the Primary Sponsors of National Ground Water Awareness Week.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 8 - 14, 2009 as

**GROUND WATER AWARENESS WEEK**  
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D., 2009.*

*Bobby Jindal*  
Governor of Louisiana

*Corey Valarino*  
Secretary of State