



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the US Health and Human Services Department, Office of Women's Health reports that 1 in 8 women experience postpartum depression in the year following birth; and

WHEREAS, death by suicide is a leading cause of maternal mortality and accounts for approximately 20% of postpartum deaths; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these types of deaths are preventable; and

WHEREAS, Maternal death results in negative family and economic impacts to families and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, 12% of women in Louisiana reported experiencing postpartum depression after birth in 2023; and

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of women experiencing maternal mental health conditions such as perinatal and postpartum depression, anxiety, and birth-related PTSD, go undiagnosed and untreated; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks 46th for maternal mortality and has consistently been ranked in the top five states for maternal mortality; and

WHEREAS, our administration will work tirelessly with healthcare providers to address the need for more mental health providers and overall improvements to mental health services for the women of the state of Louisiana so that they and their families can thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Jeff Landry**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2024, as

Maternal Mental Health Awareness Day
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have herunto 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 1st day of May, 2024 A.D. 2024*


Governor of Louisiana