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TO: All State Employees, Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources

Directors

SUBJECT: Public Service Recognition Week 2016

Dear Fellow State Employees,

On behalf of the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil Service (SCS), I would like to take the opportunity to extend our sincerest gratitude to all state employees in honor of Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW). The State of Louisiana is joining other states across the nation in celebrating PSRW, May 1-7, 2016. PSRW presents a welcomed opportunity to spotlight the contributions state employees make in the workplace and in our communities.

As a state employee, you are making a difference in moving Louisiana forward. Far too often your dedication and commitment is overshadowed by perceptions that portray government workers as inefficient. I know differently, as I have seen firsthand the vigilant efforts of the vast majority. You must continue to rise above these perceptions and take every opportunity to showcase the value you provide to the citizens of our State. Your individual efforts are making tremendous impacts in Louisiana's ability to provide for the health, safety and welfare of our citizens among a host of other critical services.

I thank you for the daily efforts and applaud your dedication in continually making Louisiana a great place to live and work. For more information on PSRW please click here and follow State Civil Service on Twitter @La SCS.

Regards,

<u>s/Byron P. Decoteau, Jr.</u> Director