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TO: Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

SUBJECT: State Employee Recognition Week 2023

**NOTE: PLEASE POST THIS GENERAL CIRCULAR IN A
LOCATION ACCESSIBLE BY ALL EMPLOYEES.**

On behalf of the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil Service, I would like to take the opportunity to extend our sincerest gratitude to all state employees in honor of State Employee Recognition Week. The State of Louisiana is joining other states across the nation in celebrating SERW, May 7-13, 2023. SERW presents a welcomed opportunity to spotlight the contributions you as 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 are 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 highlight 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.

[Governor Edwards Proclaims State Employee Recognition Week](#)

Governor John Bel Edwards has proclaimed May 7-13, 2023, as "State Employee Recognition Week" in the State of Louisiana. Louisiana's public servants contribute significantly to the well-

being and quality of life for all citizens of our state. The governor's proclamation recognizes their dedicated service to the people of Louisiana (see attached proclamation).

[Social Media Campaign](#)

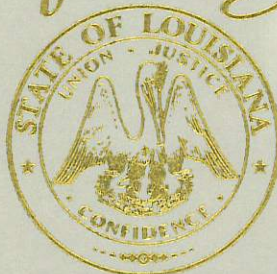
If your agency is doing anything to recognize your employees that you'd like to share, send us photos or tag State Civil Service so we can share it on social media! Please use the hashtags [#SERW2023](#) and [#EveryDayForEveryCitizen](#). I realize some of you have safety sensitive positions and may not be able to share tweets or pics of yourself at work, but if you can, stand proud, and help us promote the faces of state employees.

Again, I sincerely thank each of you for your service!

Sincerely,

s/Byron P. Decoteau, Jr.
Director

Office of the Governor



JOHN BEL EDWARDS

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's public servants contribute significantly to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of our state; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana's public servants preserve public safety and the health of our citizens, protect our clean air and water, care for less fortunate members of society, rehabilitate and counsel people in need, preserve our economic well-being by attracting and supporting commerce, build and maintain our highways, schools, and other infrastructure, administer justice, protect citizens' rights, care for victims of crimes, inspect our food, license our vehicles, help educate our children, make astounding advances in medicine, science and technology and handle a host of other essential duties the public entrusts to them; and
- WHEREAS,** these dedicated individuals strive daily to perform their jobs with professionalism and integrity in order to improve the lives of our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** state government is more responsive, innovative and effective because outstanding employees produce excellent work products; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana is privileged to join other states across the nation to express appreciation and gratitude to public service employees for their hard work, sacrifices and unselfish spirit of dedication to the citizens of our state.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 7 - 13, 2023 as

STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WEEK
In the State of Louisiana.



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 7th day of May A. D., 2023.

John Bel Edwards
Governor