UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of Louisiana

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, experts agree that nutrition status is a direct measure of health, and good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of healthcare institutions; and

WHEREAS, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, known as malnutrition, is prevalent in vulnerable populations such as hospitalized and minority populations and populations with limited access to resources; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, nutrition is a human right and social determinant of health, and malnutrition is intensified by disparities, inequities, and social isolation and is further compounded by food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, disease-related malnutrition is a highly prevalent form of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreases functional capacity, and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, **I, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana,** do hereby proclaim the week of September 14 - 18, 2026, as

Malnutrition Awareness Week

and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

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 1st day of September A.D. 2026.

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Governor of Louisiana