



John Bel Edwards
GOVERNOR

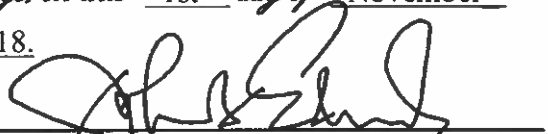
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common, serious hereditary disorders that can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations and is estimated to affect one in every 2,500 Americans, and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the United States carry a single deficient gene which may pass to their children; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 is widely underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed; and
- WHEREAS,** it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have herewith 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 November
A.D., 2018.*


Governor of Louisiana