



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR


**Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Health Information Technology (IT) Week is designed to promote improvements in health care and health outcomes through the best use of information technology; and
- WHEREAS,** healthcare information technology and management systems have been recognized as essential tools for improving the quality of patient care, ensuring patient safety, coordinating care across healthcare settings and reducing health care costs; and
- WHEREAS,** the goal of Health IT Week is to increase awareness of health information technology among health care providers, organizations and consumers; and
- WHEREAS,** the ability to exchange health information confidently and security across healthcare settings is foundational to transforming America's healthcare delivery system; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana and the United States emphasize improving the quality, safety and efficacy of healthcare delivery through the adoption health information technology such as electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE); and
- WHEREAS,** health care providers, organizations and consumers can use health information technology to improve health care quality and health outcomes while reducing health care costs; and
- WHEREAS,** Health IT Week in Louisiana is an opportunity for consumers to learn about and utilize health information technology to improve their health and the health of their family members.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2-6, 2017 as

**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 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 2nd day of October  
A.D., 2017.*

  
Governor of Louisiana