



Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

WHEREAS, state and federal mandates require that all students have access to and make progress in the general education curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has been addressing accessibility through program initiatives for Universal Design for Learning, Assistive Technology, Accessible Instructional Materials and various programs for students with a variety of learning needs, differences, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, changes in curriculum, textbooks, and the Internet that promise greater opportunities to students can be a barrier to learning if these resources are not accessible to all learners; and

WHEREAS, barriers for participation in the full range of educational activities need to be reduced so that all students can be active learners in Louisiana's curriculum; and

WHEREAS, universal access to curriculum requires the involvement of everyone who participates in the educational process including educators, parents, curriculum publishers, policy makers and administrators to ensure that accessibility is a component of the climate of teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this week to increase awareness of the value and necessity to provide accessible materials, formats, instruction, and curriculum to include all students in the teaching and learning process.

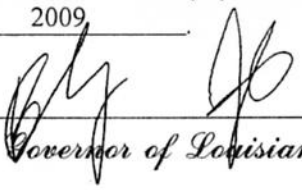
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 8 – 12, 2009 as

ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

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 the 8th day of September A.D., 2009.


Governor of Louisiana

