



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the proud people of the great state of Louisiana have a strong abiding faith in family and education; and
- WHEREAS,** Montessori schools are accredited by the state and have an honored tradition of following the principles of their founder, Dr. Maria Montessori, who believed in children's rights; and
- WHEREAS,** based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900's that continues to influence learning across the state of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** a system of education for children from birth through the age of 18, the Montessori program uses materials, techniques and observations that support the students' natural development, encourage their learning, independence and self-confidence, while advancing the principles of peace through responsible citizenship; and
- WHEREAS,** the Montessori method includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind; and
- WHEREAS,** Montessori schools are a valuable and thriving asset to education in the state of Louisiana.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim February 21-27, 2021 as

**MONTESSORI EDUCATION 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 21st day of February  
A.D., 2021.*

  
Governor of Louisiana