

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** America's WETLANDS, a vast landscape extending along Louisiana's coast and home to a unique and intricate ecosystem is disappearing at a rate of 25 square miles per year; and,

**WHEREAS,** America's WETLANDS, is an area of world ecological significance and strategic importance to our national economy and energy security, and is at a great risk; and,

**WHEREAS,** America's WETLANDS, is the wintering habit for millions of waterfowl and migratory birds whose habitat is lost as the wetlands disappear, and the Nation relies on Louisiana's working wetlands to provide protection for oil and gas pipelines that serve as a major artery for delivering more than 25 percent of the Nation's energy; and,

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana's proposed Comprehensive Coastal Protection and Restoration Master Plan is an integral component in our work to preserve, protect, and restore America's WETLANDS; and,

**WHEREAS,** the LSU AgCenter and the LA Department of Natural Resources has teamed up for the sixth year to bring teachers and students throughout our State and Parish the Youth Wetlands Week Program; a program consisting of environmental education lessons and hands-on activities designed to heighten the awareness of Louisiana's youth to the unprecedented problem of wetland loss; and,

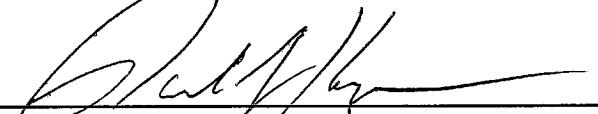
**WHEREAS,** within St. Charles Parish in 2016, there are 435 students and 16 teachers enrolled to participate in the program.

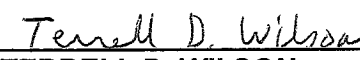
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-22, 2016, AS

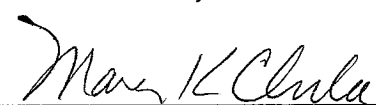
## "YOUTH WETLANDS WEEK"

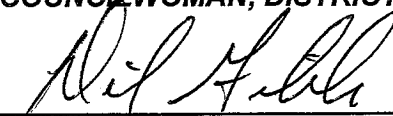
IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE EVERYONE TO TAKE THIS WEEK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COASTAL PROTECTION AND SUPPORT EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR LOUISIANA TO DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE COAST.

  
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PARISH PRESIDENT

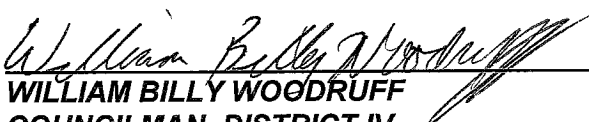
  
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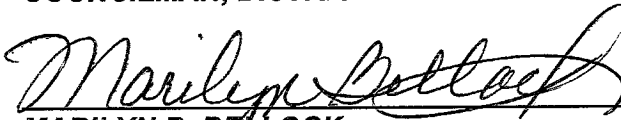
  
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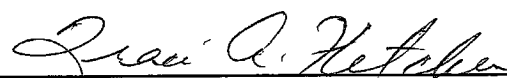
  
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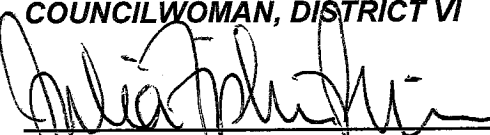
  
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