



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 42 JML 2025

JOHN FOSTER BENOIT APPRECIATION DAY – MAY 14th, 2025

WHEREAS, Louisiana is a state renowned for its vibrant culture and as America's original melting pot, warmly welcoming people from all walks of life;

WHEREAS, John Foster Benoit, born in Louisiana to proud parents Buddy and Amanda Benoit, exemplifies the spirit and dedication of Louisiana's youth;

WHEREAS, John Foster distinguished himself academically as co-valedictorian at Brusly High School, demonstrating leadership and faith through his active involvement in leading a Bible club;

WHEREAS, John Foster's love for music was fostered by his uncle Gaylen Martin, who introduced him to the rich musical traditions of Louisiana, allowing him to cultivate his talent performing locally in his hometown of Addis;

WHEREAS, John Foster has shared his musical gifts through performances at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, enriching the spiritual and community life of West Baton Rouge Parish;

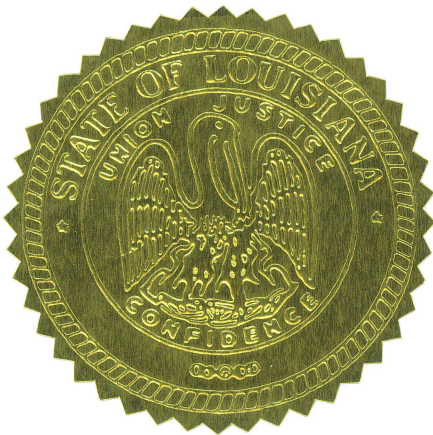
WHEREAS, John Foster touched hearts across our State and our Nation with his original song "Tell That Angel I Love Her," paying heartfelt tribute to his beloved friend Maggie Dunn;

WHEREAS, John Foster balances his artistic pursuits with diligent academic studies, currently working on a degree in Biology at Louisiana State University with the aspirations to one day serve the community as an oncologist;

WHEREAS, John Foster remains closely connected to his community through dedicated work at his family's business Benoit's Country Meat Block, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to family values and community service;

WHEREAS, John Foster has proudly represented the unique musical culture of Louisiana on the national stage, distinguishing himself by reaching the finale of this season on *American Idol*;

NOW THEREFORE I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 14th, 2025, as John Foster Benoit Appreciation Day in the State of Louisiana and encourage all citizens of our state to celebrate and acknowledge the talent, dedication, and contributions of John Foster Benoit as an ambassador of Louisiana's rich and vibrant cultural heritage.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on 13th day of May 2025.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE