

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR

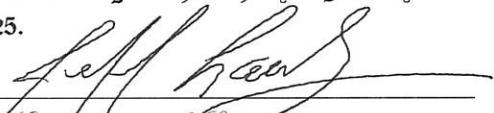
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** all children in Louisiana should have access to the highest-quality education possible delivered by a school or educational program that fits their individual needs and access to a great education enables students to pursue their dreams, thrive in fulfilling and sustainable careers, and contribute to Louisiana's economic competitiveness; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana has long prioritized giving families multiple opportunities to meet their children's unique educational needs, including high-quality traditional public schools, public charter schools, non-public/private schools, the ability to homeschool, and educational variety that enhances the vibrancy of Louisiana's communities and diversifies our state's economy; and
- WHEREAS,** during this week of celebrating school choice, we recognize the important provisions of Article 101 of the Louisiana Children's Code, which provide that, "parents have the paramount right to raise their children in accordance with their own values and traditions; that parents should make the decisions regarding the educational, moral, ethical, and religious training of the child that the role of the state in the family is limited and should only be asserted when there is a serious threat to the family, the parents, or the child;" and
- WHEREAS,** during the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature passed and I proudly signed into law one of the strongest universal education savings account programs in the country, known as the LA Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (GATOR) Scholarship Program, which will begin this year and give thousands of Louisiana children access to new educational options; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana honors the many families and professionals who serve in all types of schools and educational programs and dedicate their lives to helping children succeed, with School Choice Week being celebrated across the United States by millions of students, families, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for diverse, high-quality educational options.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim January 26 through February 1, 2025, to be:

LOUISIANA SCHOOL CHOICE 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 9th day of January A.D. 2025.


Governor of Louisiana

