

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, There are an estimated 30 million Americans with kidney disease, and most do not know they have it; and
- WHEREAS, One in three American adults is at risk for chronic kidney disease; and
- WHEREAS, In Louisiana, there are over 460,000 citizens with chronic kidney disease, over 10,000 kidney patients on dialysis, and over 1,800 kidney patients waiting for life-saving kidney transplants; and
- WHEREAS, It is critical that attention be brought to this often-overlooked, but increasingly common disease whose major risk factors are diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of kidney failure and age over 60. If left untreated, kidney disease can lead to kidney failure; and
- WHEREAS, The month of March is National Kidney Month and March 8, 2018 is World Kidney Day. The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is calling on all citizens in Louisiana to "heart" their kidneys and their overall health, and get tested if they are at risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MAYO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA, on behalf of the Monroe City Council and our citizens, in recognition of this important health observance, do hereby proclaim March 2018

"National Kidney Month in the City of Monroe"

Signed and presented	this	15t	day
		James	E. Mayo

