



Proclamation

WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of a free and prosperous nation, built on open, intentional communication between parents, caregivers, and children; and

WHEREAS, constant cell phone use and digital distractions are replacing the values-based, in-person conversations essential to instilling character, discipline, and resilience in our children; and

WHEREAS, studies show that parental screen distraction harms children's language, emotional security, moral development, and ability to form meaningful relationships; and

WHEREAS, real presence—eye contact, listening, and heartfelt conversation—reinforces the values children need to become responsible, civic-minded citizens; and

WHEREAS, excessive phone use in schools disrupts learning, weakens discipline, and hinders critical thinking, focus, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, restoring attentiveness and responsibility will return classrooms to places of learning, respect, and civic preparation; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving remains a deadly threat, underscoring the need for responsible phone use in daily life; and

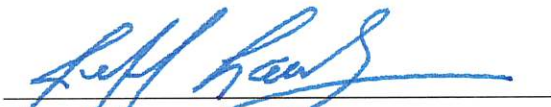
WHEREAS, raising awareness of digital distraction strengthens families, protects children, and preserves mental health; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is committed to defending the dignity of family life and ensuring children grow up in homes and classrooms filled with attention, guidance, and care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Landry, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim **August 2025** as **#PutThePhoneDown Month** in the State of Louisiana, and urge all citizens—especially parents, caregivers, educators, and students—to set aside their phones, be fully present, and rediscover the power of real connection at home, in classrooms, and throughout our communities.



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 19th day of August A.D. 2025


Governor of Louisiana