

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana
Governor
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on January 26, 1861, the state of Louisiana declared itself to be a free and independent state and subsequently joined the Confederate States of America of which it was a member state from 1861 until 1865; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana contributed many soldiers and sailors to the service of the Confederate States; and

WHEREAS, the Louisianans who served on both sides of the American Civil War are memorialized in almost every parish in the state; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of the state of Louisiana should study the War Between the States, as we study all wars, so that we may understand the historical events which compelled the war and, from that understanding, continue to learn to live together and seek to avoid future conflicts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 2005, as

CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH

in the state of Louisiana, and I urge all citizens of the state to engage in historical study of the events of the years 1861 to 1865, inclusive, and to solemnly contemplate that time in our history.



Attest By
The Governor

Joseph S. Keithen
Secretary of State

*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
the 21st day of March
A. D., 2005.*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana