EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF LOUISIANA.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ONE HUNDRED Years ago, that portion of the original Louisiana Purchase, which in 1804, had been formed by Congress into the territory of ORLEANS, having adopted a Constitution under an Enabling Act of the Congress of the United States, was ready for Statehood; and, on April 6th, 1812, President JAMES MADISON, signed an Act admitting Louisiana, the name being restored, to the Sisterhood of States, the Act to take effect April 30th, - the Ninth Anniversary of the Treaty of the Cession from France - and on that day Louisiana became the Eighteenth State, and the first State west of the Mississippi River, and the first State to be carved out of the Louisiana Purchase Territory, since which time Twelve other States have been admitted, making the number of States formed from the Original Louisiana, acquired from France, the same as those which formed the United States of America in 1789. The Area covered by these thirteen States is over One Million Square Miles of Territory, and their Population by the Census of 1910 was almost Eighteen Millions. This vast Empire, embracing nearly one-third of the Area of the United States, had as one of its effects, the free navigation of the Mississippi River, forever securing to the people of the United States an outlet to the Sea for the products of the great and fertile valley.

WHEREAS, To commemorate the Centennial of this great historical event with appropriate ceremonies, the General Assembly of the State adopted Act 107 of 1910,
directing the Louisiana Historical Society to prepare 
a suitable program therefor, and the Society has under-
taken the work, and is actively completing the arrange-
ments for the Celebration.

Therefore, I, JARED YOUNG SANDERS, Governor of 
the State of Louisiana, considering the importance of 
this Anniversary in the history of our beloved State, 
do issue this, my Proclamation, asking all patriotic 
Louisianians, to observe this Anniversary in some form 
throughout the State, and that as many as possible 
join in the great Celebration, which will take place 
in the City of New Orleans, on April 30th, next, and 
to the end that all may properly join in the Celebration, 
and particularly the children of the Public Schools, I 
hereby request that the day be made a Holiday in all 
the schools of the State, and, so far as is compatible 
with public affairs, that the business of the State, 
Parishes and Municipalities be suspended so that all 
public officers may assist in making the Celebration 
the success which the occasion deserves.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand 
and caused to be affixed the great Seal of the State, 
this sixth day of April 1912.

By the Governor. 
Governor.

[Signature]

By the Governor. 
Secretary of State.