WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C.A. §801 et seq., as amended, in recognition of the serious problems occurring within the United States due to the increase of drug abuse;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement has been created within the Office of the Governor to operate as a forum on drug abuse issues and to coordinate drug abuse projects;

WHEREAS, two-thirds of Louisiana’s public, private, and parochial school systems have executed written agreements with law enforcement agencies to implement a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program; and

WHEREAS, the D.A.R.E. Program is a nationally recognized and copyrighted drug education effort with specific criteria for implementation which requires strict replication of the parent project.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana D.A.R.E. Advisory Board (“Board”) is reestablished within the executive department, Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2: The duties of the Board shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
A. Develop, promote, monitor and evaluate the D.A.R.E. Program throughout the State of Louisiana; and
B. Serve as an advisory body to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement regarding the performance of its duties in relation to the D.A.R.E. Program.

SECTION 3: The Board shall consist of thirteen (13) members, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, selected as follows:
A. The president of the Louisiana D.A.R.E. Officers’ Association, or the president’s designee;
B. One (1) representative from the Drug Policy Board;
C. Two (2) members from the Louisiana Sheriff’s Association;
D. Two (2) members from the Louisiana Chiefs of Police Association;
E. Two (2) members from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement;
F. One (1) principal representing a Louisiana public school;
G. One (1) teacher representing a Louisiana elementary school; and
H. Three (3) members representing community interests.

SECTION 4: The chair of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor from the membership of the Board. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by the members of the Board from its membership.
SECTION 5: The Board shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

SECTION 6: Board members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council.

Board members who are employees or elected public officials of the State of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

Board members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

SECTION 7: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Board shall be provided by the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 8: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Board in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 9: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 4th day of August, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE