

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Governor
Bobby Jindal

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there is nothing more sacred than the protection of the weakest among us, especially our young children whom we must protect from anything that could do them harm, including degrading pornographic materials; and

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, we have passed several laws to protect children from sex offenders and others who prey on their innocence, including HB 290 last year that provides stronger sentencing options for the distribution and production of illicit pornographic materials. This law creates the presumption that the possession of child pornography, coupled with file sharing technology is evidence of intent to distribute, which helps prosecutors crack down on offenders who commit crimes against children; and

WHEREAS, pornography is degrading and demoralizing to all; and

WHEREAS, pornography presents our children with a distorted and debased image of sexuality, which is meant as a sacred part of marriage;

WHEREAS, pornography can lead males and females of all ages into sexual addictions, hurt marriages, and can also be connected to those offenders who commit sexual assaults and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, pornography can affect parents and/or children in ways that harm families, which are not only essential to helping children grow up safe and strong, but are the very building blocks of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 31- November 7, 2010 as

WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

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 31st day of October
A. D., 2010


Governor of Louisiana


Secretary of State