

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** THE National Ground Water Association ([www.ngwa.org](http://www.ngwa.org)) has designated one week in the month of March each year to further groundwater knowledge and protection through education and outreach; and
- WHEREAS,** East Baton Rouge Parish enjoys clean, fresh, naturally filtered groundwater from the Southern Hills Aquifer System that serves as a vital resource for local citizens and businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** the proper management and conservation of the Southern Hills Aquifer System is of the utmost importance to the economy and quality of life in East Baton Rouge Parish; and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Office of Conservation has launched a public awareness effort known as "Water-Wise in BR" (<http://waterwise.dnr.la.gov>) to enhance general knowledge about the groundwater resources in East Baton Rouge Parish.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Melvin "Kip" Holden, Mayor-President of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, hereby do proclaim**

**MARCH 9-15, 2014**

**AS**

**GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, to be affixed upon this ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fourteen.**



*Melvin L. "Kip" Holden*

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Mayor-President