WHEREAS, the earth sciences are integral to the discovery, development, and conserving of mineral, energy, and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences provide the basis for mitigating wetland loss and natural hazards such as earthquakes, floods, coastal erosion, hurricanes, landslides, droughts, and subsidence; and

WHEREAS, the earth sciences are critical to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Geological Survey, since its establishment in 1934, has served the state and its citizens with valuable and relevant earth science investigations and information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2014, as EARTH SCIENCE WEEK in the State of Louisiana.