WHEREAS, neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) often develop into cancer and, if left untreated, can result in serious illness and death; and

WHEREAS, all too often healthcare professionals underestimate the malignant and metastatic potential of neuroendocrine tumors; and

WHEREAS, NET cancer patients are often misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis, which can have a negative impact on their chance of survival and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, survival for NET cancer patients is further compromised by fragmented care and lack of access to treatment by networks of specialists; and

WHEREAS, although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients are benefiting quickly enough from scientific and medical progress in the field; and

WHEREAS, with timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can have significantly improved outcomes and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bel Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2018 as

NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY in the State of Louisiana.