

State of Louisiana

Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Proclamation

- Whereas,** Louisiana is blessed with rich delta farmlands, lush forests, windswept coastal prairies, productive coastal marshes, and abundant Gulf fisheries; and
- Whereas,** The air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil from which we grow our food and fiber, and the diverse habitat supporting a myriad of wildlife, all contribute to Louisiana's quality of life and prosperity; and
- Whereas,** The United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service and the State of Louisiana's Department of Agriculture and Forestry-Office of Soil and Water Conservation work in partnership to help Louisiana's private land owners and managers conserve and protect soil, water, and other natural resources; and
- Whereas,** Louisiana's 44 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, administered by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry-Office of Soil and Water Conservation, work hand-in-hand with the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service to deliver conservation programs to private land owners and managers; and
- Whereas,** Conservation of Louisiana's natural resources is important for the state's continued health and economic growth; and
- Whereas,** The United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service is celebrating 75 years of helping people help the land; and
- Whereas,** Louisiana's State Soil and Water Conservation Commission and Louisiana's first conservation district, the Feliciana Soil and Water Conservation District, are celebrating 72 years of helping people help the land;

Therefore, I, **Mike Strain** DVM, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim
April 25, 2010 thru May 2, 2010, as
CONSERVATION WEEK in Louisiana.

Mike Strain DVM
Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry