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**GOV. JOHN BEL EDWARDS CELEBRATES NURSING HOME WEEK BY VISITING MAISON DE LAFAYETTE NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS**

(Baton Rouge – May 12, 2016) An enthusiastic crowd greeted Gov. John Bel Edwards as he visited the Maison de Lafayette Nursing Facility on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, to celebrate Nursing Home Week (May 8-14). Governor Edwards shared his excitement about Medicaid expansion in Louisiana and encouraged residents that Louisiana’s best days are ahead.

The administrator at Maison de Lafayette, Joe McPherson, III, said this week serves as a great way to thank the residents, staff and volunteers of the 189-bed nursing facility.

“Having Governor Edwards visit the facility was an exciting moment for both residents and staff,” McPherson said. “I am thankful to have a Governor that cares about Louisiana’s frail and elderly and takes the time to show his appreciation for them with a special visit.”

A crawfish boil and a visit from the Governor are among the special events held at Maison de Lafayette this week. National Nursing Home Week is an annual observance sponsored by the American Health Care Association. The theme for National Nursing Home Week this year is, “It’s a small world with a big heart.”

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About LNHA:

Maison de Lafayette is a member nursing facility of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association (LNHA). LNHA is a nonprofit organization representing more than 250 nursing facilities and assisted living communities that care for approximately 30,000 elderly and disabled individuals each day. On behalf of its members, LNHA advocates for providing quality care and nurturing environments to Louisiana’s frail and elderly. For more information on LNHA, visit our website at [www.lnha.org](http://www.lnha.org).