

CITY OF ST. GEORGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

PROCLAMATION 2026-02

WHEREAS, Prader–Willi syndrome (PWS) is a complex genetic disorder occurring in approximately 1 in 15,000 births, affecting males and females of all races and ethnicities equally;

WHEREAS, PWS is the most commonly known genetic cause of life-threatening obesity and is characterized by an extreme and insatiable appetite, often resulting in morbid obesity, which is a primary cause of death among those affected;

WHEREAS, individuals with PWS commonly experience cognitive and learning disabilities, behavioral difficulties, and emotional regulation challenges, requiring lifelong supervision and support to maintain health and safety;

WHEREAS, there is currently no known cure for PWS; however, early diagnosis allows families to obtain appropriate treatments, intervention services, and critical support from medical professionals and advocacy organizations;

WHEREAS, recent medical advancements, including the use of human growth hormone, have improved the quality of life for individuals with PWS, yet many complex symptoms remain in need of further research and treatment options;

WHEREAS, increased awareness and research into PWS may lead to improved understanding, better treatments, and eventual breakthroughs benefiting not only those with PWS but also broader public health issues such as childhood obesity and mental health;

WHEREAS, advocacy organizations across the nation work tirelessly to support families, raise awareness, and encourage continued research, designating the month of May as a time for nationwide PWS recognition and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dustin Yates, Mayor of the City of St. George, together with the St. George City Council, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 15, 2026 as PRADER–WILLI SYNDROME (PWS) AWARENESS DAY

in the City of St. George, and encourage all citizens to increase their awareness of Prader–Willi syndrome, support affected individuals and families, and promote continued research and education aimed at improving lives and finding a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of St. George on this 28th day of April, 2026.



Attested by:

Lorraine Beaman
Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Dustin Yates
Dustin Yates, Mayor