

Dear Friends,

As Mayor of the City of New Orleans, it is with great pleasure that I welcome The National Coalition of STD Directors to our beautiful city for STD Engage 2023: Coming Back Stronger. We are thrilled that you have chosen our beautiful city to gather for this year's conference. As New Orleanians, we know that the fight for a better tomorrow starts with bringing partners together to share strategies and collaborate. Thank you for engaging in this work and we are honored to have you.

We understand how socioeconomics intersect with health, and we take an equitable, holistic approach to better serve our communities. Thank you for being part of the solution to gain valuable information and best-care practices to uplift and improve the work of professionals across the health sector to serve those at-risk. In addition, your work providing a variety of trainings and educational opportunities entails innovative programming that can be implemented locally, making our city safer and healthier.

The energy of our city is unmatched. During your stay, please immerse yourself in all the great things New Orleans has to offer. Treat yourself to our famous cuisines at local restaurants, dance to the beat with our jazz musicians, and visit our exceptional cultural establishments to indulge in some of New Orleans' history, such as Louis Armstrong Park, the National World War II Museum, the New Orleans Museum of Art, or the Ashé Cultural Arts Center. Lastly, I extend my best wishes for an inspirational and educational conference.

Sincerely,

LaToya Cantrell Mayor, City of New Orleans