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Department of Treasury Mails Second Round of Unclaimed Property Checks

BATON ROUGE, LA - Thousands of Louisiana residents may be surprised to find checks for unclaimed property money in their mailboxes this week without having to fill out any paperwork for their money, according to State Treasurer John M. Schroder, Sr.

The Department of Treasury began mailing out 44,520 unclaimed property checks totaling \$4.2 million this week. The amount of each check varies, but the maximum an individual will receive in the mail is \$1,500. Claim forms were sent for amounts totaling more than \$1,500.

"This is not a scam. This is real money that belongs to you," said Treasurer Schroder. "We want to make sure no one throws these checks away by accident. If you receive a check from me, take it to the bank. "

This is Phase Two of a project that started with Act 339 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. The legislation, authored by Rep. Neil Abramson, enabled the Treasury to work with the Department of Revenue to share addresses for the sole purpose of returning unclaimed property. The first mail out happened in October of this year when Treasury sent out 85,000 checks totaling \$15 million.

The project covers five years of unclaimed property records from 2013-2017 and includes items where there were Social Security Numbers attached to names. Not all unclaimed property records have Social Security Numbers. Without one, Treasury cannot confirm the owner's current address for this project.

Each check includes the state seal and the Unclaimed Property Division's address and website on the top of the check. The check stub also contains a memo describing the Act 339 initiative.

"Even if you didn't get a check this time, you may still be owed unclaimed money," said Treasurer Schroder. "We encourage you to visit www.latreasury.com to conduct a search."

For more information, contact the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division toll-free at 1-888-925-4127 (Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Citizens can also search for their unclaimed money and file claims online at www.latreasury.com.

A break-out of checks and amounts distributed is listed below:

Parish	Amount Paid	# Checks
ACADIA	\$34,645.91	428
ALLEN	\$12,718.54	138
ASCENSION	\$120,745.99	1,359
ASSUMPTION	\$14,619.40	175
AVOUELLES	\$22,814.05	262
BEAUREGARD	\$24,526.72	261
BIENVILLE	\$6,897.71	85
BOSSIER	\$81,166.72	913
CADDO	\$208,707.75	2,336
CALCASIEU	\$218,002.31	2,331
CALDWELL	\$8,302.63	84
CAMERON	\$3,327.90	60
CATAHOULA	\$3,783.40	51
CLAIBORNE	\$7,373.08	81
CONCORDIA	\$10,208.76	107
DE SOTO	\$18,366.20	194
EAST BATON ROUGE	\$454,483.38	5,296
EAST CARROLL	\$2,930.68	28
EAST FELICIANA	\$15,249.91	157
EVANGELINE	\$20,270.37	185
FRANKLIN	\$7,924.59	116
GRANT	\$9,615.56	121
IBERIA	\$49,180.59	614
IBERVILLE	\$28,449.73	292
JACKSON	\$7,480.15	114
JEFFERSON	\$527,580.00	4,925
JEFFERSON DAVIS	\$21,791.76	253
LA SALLE	\$8,951.06	93
LAFAYETTE	\$213,319.73	2,241
LAFOURCHE	\$67,189.99	669
LINCOLN	\$31,816.84	390
LIVINGSTON	\$99,388.02	1,137
MADISON	\$3,311.36	56
MOREHOUSE	\$14,525.75	184
NATCHITOCHE	\$17,729.28	238
ORLEANS	\$441,489.69	4,211
OUACHITA	\$131,224.10	1,499

PLAQUEMINES	\$24,618.44	224
POINTE COUPEE	\$16,519.88	169
RAPIDES	\$99,616.51	1,051
RED RIVER	\$3,462.54	37
RICHLAND	\$10,219.95	153
SABINE	\$9,279.37	107
SAINT BERNARD	\$49,871.43	461
SAINT CHARLES	\$41,893.09	531
SAINT HELENA	\$3,046.16	38
SAINT JAMES	\$17,188.72	200
SAINT LANDRY	\$57,667.78	669
SAINT MARTIN	\$32,956.66	350
SAINT MARY	\$40,806.65	433
SAINT TAMMANY	\$230,031.90	2,344
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	\$48,943.87	486
TANGIPAHOA	\$107,039.23	1,239
TENSAS	\$3,010.05	28
TERREBONNE	\$91,560.25	912
UNION	\$9,748.63	133
VERMILION	\$34,651.54	402
VERNON	\$24,989.30	250
WASHINGTON	\$31,012.00	313
WEBSTER	\$25,687.42	290
WEST BATON ROUGE	\$24,956.93	277
WEST CARROLL	\$4,616.15	63
WEST FELICIANA	\$9,116.19	83
WINN	\$6,329.77	66
OUT OF STATE	\$154,504.15	1,527
	\$4,183,454.17	44,520

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