

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-058

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week;

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated law enforcement officers serving the State of Louisiana and parishes and municipalities throughout Louisiana;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are 26,959 law enforcement officers in the United States who have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 581 officers who served the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Louisiana Law Enforcement Memorial located in Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery;

WHEREAS, in 2025 the names of the following officers were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC:

Officer Russell R. Croxton Senior Corporal Segus R. Jolivette, Sr. Constable Alfred E. Kelly Karlton

WHEREAS, our nation owes a debt of gratitude to our peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our great nation and state safe;

WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

WHEREAS, the people of our state join in prayer in memory of all the peace officers who have served our communities and continue to pray for all of the peace officers who protect us every day.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The State of Louisiana shall publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation;

Section 2: The week containing May 15th shall be observed in the State of Louisiana as "Police Week."

Section 3: Thursday, May 15th is hereby proclaimed as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Section 4: It is ordered that the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all public buildings throughout the state until sunset on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in honor of the peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our people.



ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of May 2025.

.Jeff LOUISIANA