



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-139

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*FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – JUDGE OSWALD A. DECUIR*

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**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Oswald A. Decuir, a highly respected jurist, legislator, and trusted advisor to the Executive branch, died on September 3, 2024. He was 84 years old;

**WHEREAS**, he was born on August 23, 1940, in New Iberia, Louisiana, and was the eldest son of Oswald Sr. and Beverly Landry Decuir;

**WHEREAS**, he was a graduate of New Iberia Senior High (1958), Louisiana State University (1962), and Tulane University Law School (1966);

**WHEREAS**, he was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar Association in 1966, and was an attorney for 58 years;

**WHEREAS**, he served Louisiana for 17 years as a State Senator;

**WHEREAS**, he served for 20 years as an appellate judge on the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit;

**WHEREAS**, he continued to serve the public after leaving the bench, working as an employee of the Louisiana Department of Justice and trusted advisor to Attorney General Jeff Landry;

**WHEREAS**, he served the State of Louisiana in all three branches of government, which demonstrates a profound commitment to public service and a deep understanding of the American system of government;

**WHEREAS**, he demonstrated remarkable versatility, dedication, and a comprehensive grasp of how laws are made, interpreted, and enforced;

**WHEREAS**, his career reflected a rare blend of legislative insight, judicial acumen, and executive experience, highlighting a commitment to upholding the principles of democracy;

**WHEREAS**, his dedication served as a powerful example of how diverse experiences can enhance one's ability to contribute meaningfully to the state of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, he was married to his college sweetheart and wife of 64 years, Loretta Young Decuir;

**WHEREAS**, he is survived by his loving wife, Loretta Young Decuir, his sister, Myra Decuir Gosnell, his son, Jon Scott Decuir (Loren Mancuso Decuir), his grandchildren, Dr. Jon Scott Decuir, Jr. (Aimee Andrepont Decuir) and Laura Decuir Robbins (Jonathon Robbins), and his great-granddaughters, Marie Louise “Marilou” and Amelie Anne Decuir;

**WHEREAS**, he will be remembered for his legacy of service and dedication to his community, his friends, and his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many contributions to our state.

**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: As an expression of respect and to honor Judge Oswald A. Decuir, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise until sunset on September 6, 2024.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, September 6, 2024.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE