



EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 16

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF TO HONOR ROBERT L. “BOBBY” FREEMAN

- WHEREAS,** Robert L. “Bobby” Freeman died on May 16, 2016, at the age of 82;
- WHEREAS,** while perhaps most well-known as a former Lieutenant Governor, he represented the State of Louisiana in all three branches of government;
- WHEREAS,** elected in 1968, he served three consecutive terms in the House of Representatives representing District 60, which includes parts of Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge parishes, serving as Chair of the House Labor and Industrial Relations committee from 1972 until 1974;
- WHEREAS,** in 1980, he was elected to serve as Lieutenant Governor for the State of Louisiana, an office he held until 1988, during such time he was instrumental in building and strengthening the tourism industry in Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** from 1990 until 1996, he served as a city judge in Plaquemine;
- WHEREAS,** his background includes three years of service in the United States Army;
- WHEREAS,** he won the state championship in 1951 for boxing at Plaquemine High School and also was a two-time NCAA runner-up in his weight class as a member of the LSU Boxing team, and was later inducted into the LSU Athletic Hall of Fame;
- WHEREAS,** his commitment to improving Louisiana is evidenced through his successful efforts to centralize and coordinate promotion of many unique aspects of Louisiana culture and life;
- WHEREAS,** he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame in Winnfield in 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana is a better place because of Lieutenant Governor Freeman’s work and his legacy will live on for generations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, 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 for Robert L. “Bobby” Freeman, 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 and institutions of the State of Louisiana until sunset on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Thursday, May 19, 2016.

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 18th day of May, 2016.

s/John Bel Edward
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

s/Tom Schedler
SECRETARY OF STATE