



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. JBE 2016-07**

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***FLAGS AT HALF STAFF TO HONOR  
REPRESENTATIVE RONNIE EDWARDS***

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- WHEREAS,** Louisiana State Representative Ronnie Edwards, died on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the age of 63;
- WHEREAS,** Ronnie Edwards was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2015 to represent the 29<sup>th</sup> district, and although her time in the House of Representatives was brief, Louisiana has lost a powerful voice of compassion and activism;
- WHEREAS,** before her election as a state representative, she served as a councilwoman with the East Baton Rouge Metro Council for two terms, advocating on issues such as affordable housing and health care;
- WHEREAS,** Representative Edwards devoted her life to the well-being of others and will be remembered for her warm demeanor and steadfast spirit;
- WHEREAS,** Representative Edwards was an admired public servant who fought for her district with the same fortitude with which she fought a difficult battle with cancer;
- WHEREAS,** she never let her illness hold her back, and found strength in her devout faith and the support of her family and friends; and
- WHEREAS,** Representative Edwards' tireless efforts and leadership made her community and the state of Louisiana a better place, and her legacy will endure for many years to come.

**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 Representative Ronnie Edwards, 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 Friday, March 4, 2016.

**SECTION 2:**

This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Friday, March 4, 2016, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded prior to that date.



**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 2nd day of March, 2016.

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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**