

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2021 – 1

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#### *FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – PERCY JOSEPH “P.J.” MILLS, JR.*

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- WHEREAS,** Percy Joseph “P.J.” Mills, Jr., a former distinguished member of the Louisiana Legislature, died at the age of 87 on Saturday, January 16, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** he is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jennie, their six children, and eleven grandchildren;
- WHEREAS,** he served his state and the Parish of Caddo in the Louisiana Legislature for four years, elected to the House of Representatives in 1967, and was a member of the storied group of “Young Turks” who worked to reform Louisiana’s political system; and he further served his state as Chief of Staff to Governor Charles “Buddy” Roemer;
- WHEREAS,** in 1993, Mills became the Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield, the state’s largest health insurance provider, after mismanagement had led to state intervention, and during his tenure he returned the company to financial stability; and
- WHEREAS,** P.J. Mills lived his life with integrity and honor, and his public service as a lawmaker to the State of Louisiana will long be remembered.

**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 Percy Joseph “P.J.” Mills, Jr., the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol from sunrise until sunset on Monday, January 25, 2021.
- SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Monday, January 25, 2021.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE