



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2022-17

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – MAURICE EDWIN “MOON” LANDRIEU

WHEREAS, Maurice Edwin “Moon” Landrieu, a distinguished citizen, public servant, former member of the Louisiana Legislature, former member of the New Orleans City Council and Mayor of the City of New Orleans, United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Louisiana Court of Appeals judge, died on Monday, September 5, 2022, at the age of 92;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of nearly sixty-eight years, Verna Satterlee Landrieu; daughters Mary, Madeleine, Melinda, Melanie, and Michelle; sons Mitch, Mark, Martin, and Maurice; thirty-seven grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, born on July 23, 1930, in Uptown New Orleans to Joseph and Loretta Landrieu, Moon Landrieu graduated from Jesuit High School and obtained his Bachelor’s degree and his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University of New Orleans before serving his nation honorably in the United States Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps from 1954 to 1957; upon completion of his military service to our nation, he embarked on a long and storied career in politics and public service;

WHEREAS, he first served the people of New Orleans and his home state of Louisiana in the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature from 1960-1966 where he was a staunch opponent of racist segregation and a champion of civil rights, unafraid to speak truth to power and to stand up for Black citizens at a turbulent time in our state and nation’s history; indeed, his vote was the sole dissent to a segregationist bill passed by the Legislature in a 1960 special legislative session called to resist federal integration orders;

WHEREAS, in 1966, Landrieu won election to the New Orleans City Council as Councilman-at-large, and he continued his work representing all the people of New Orleans, notably leading the charge in desegregating public accommodations in the city, to further the goals of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

WHEREAS, in 1970, Moon Landrieu won election to serve as Mayor of New Orleans, in which role he oversaw the desegregation and integration of city government and public facilities; under Landrieu’s stewardship, the City of New Orleans for the first time recognized and incorporated the voices of the city’s Black residents and their communities in positions of top leadership;

WHEREAS, Moon Landrieu also led the charge for a dramatic expansion of civic projects for recreation and tourism, including an extensive redevelopment of the riverfront, while preserving and rehabilitating hundreds of historic properties; and he is responsible for much of the vibrant iconic landscape of New Orleans as it stands today, which many millions of visitors around the world have come to know and love;

WHEREAS, following his service as Mayor of New Orleans and as president of the United States Conference of Mayors, Landrieu served from 1979-1981 as Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, having been appointed by President James Earl “Jimmy” Carter, Jr.; and in this position Landrieu helped to rehabilitate another of America’s great cities, playing a key role in saving New York City from a devastating financial crisis;

WHEREAS, never one to sit on the sidelines, Landrieu returned again to public service in 1992, serving as a judge on Louisiana’s Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal until 2000;

WHEREAS, Moon Landrieu was a lifelong public servant and a visionary leader, who answered the call to service without hesitation; he never stopped fighting for justice, for the wellbeing and success of his community, his city, his state, and his nation; and while he will be greatly missed, the legacy of his tireless and era-defining work on behalf of the people of the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana will live on for many generations 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 and to honor Maurice Edwin “Moon” Landrieu, 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 on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, to sunset on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana on this 6th day of September, 2022.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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