

# State of Louisiana



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-68**

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***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY  
AND POLICE WEEK***

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**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week;

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated law enforcement officers serving the State of Louisiana and parishes and municipalities throughout Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently 24,067 law enforcement officers in the United States who have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 574 officers who served the State of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Louisiana Law Enforcement Memorial located in Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery;

**WHEREAS**, on Peace Officers Memorial Day, the names of the following fallen heroes who served the State of Louisiana will be read at the May 15 service on the United States Capitol Lawn and were previously recognized on May 8, 2024, at the Louisiana Law Enforcement Memorial:

Senior Police Officer Trevor Abney  
Corporal Scotty Canezaro  
Sergeant Charles Dotson  
Deputy Marshal Barry Giglio  
Lieutenant Michael Godawa  
Corporal Shawn Kelly  
Officer Carl Kimball  
Deputy Sheriff Marilyn Mayo  
Corporal Robert McKinney  
Deputy First Class Kyle Melancon  
Detective Sergeant Nicholas Pepper

Sergeant David Poirrier

**WHEREAS**, our nation owes a debt of gratitude to our peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our great nation and state safe;

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

**WHEREAS**, the people of our state join in prayer in memory of all the peace officers who have served our communities and continue to pray for all of the peace officers who protect us every day.

**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: The State of Louisiana publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation;

Section 2: The week containing May 15 shall be observed in the State of Louisiana as "Police Week."

Section 3: Wednesday, May 15 is hereby proclaimed as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Section 4: It is ordered that 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 throughout the state until sunset on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 in honor of the peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our people.



**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

  
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Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

  
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