

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2021-22

#### *FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – SEBASTIAN “BUSTER” JOHN GUZZARDO, SR.*

**WHEREAS,** Sebastian “Buster” John Guzzardo, Sr., a former distinguished member of the Louisiana Legislature, died on November 26, 2021, at the age of 98;

**WHEREAS,** he was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Sara Campo Guzzardo; he is survived by their six children, B.J. Guzzardo, Jr., Jerome, Madelene, Ann, Lorraine, and Sara; 17 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter, as well as numerous nieces and nephews;

**WHEREAS,** a member of the Greatest Generation, he proudly and heroically served his nation during World War II, serving in the United States Army from 1943 to 1945; his decorated service included the Battles of Monte Cassino, Anzio, and the Battle of the Bulge, as well as the liberation of Holocaust concentration camps;

**WHEREAS,** he had a long and distinguished career in public service in Louisiana, first serving as an Alderman in Independence, then as a Deputy Sheriff of Tangipahoa Parish, a state lawmaker, then a Regional Supervisor for state agencies before his retirement;

**WHEREAS,** he served his state and his home of Tangipahoa Parish in the Louisiana Legislature for nine years, first taking office in 1987; and

**WHEREAS,** Sebastian “Buster” John Guzzardo, Sr.’s community leadership and 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 and to honor Sebastian “Buster” John Guzzardo, Sr., 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 until sunset on Friday, December 3, 2021.

**SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, December 3, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

  
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**SECRETARY OF STATE**