

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-064

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
MAYOR-PRESIDENT MELVIN L. “KIP” HOLDEN***

WHEREAS, former Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish Melvin L. “Kip” Holden passed away on May 14, 2025;

WHEREAS, he was born on August 12, 1952, in New Orleans, LA to his parents Curtis L. Holden, Sr. and Rosa Mae Rogers Holden and was one of five children;

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Scotlandville High School, Southern University, and Louisiana State University;

WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to the people of East Baton Rouge Parish and Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Southern University Law Center, a Public Information Officer for the Baton Rouge Police Department, and a reporter for WBRZ-TV, WWL-Radio, and the News Director at WXOK-Radio;

WHEREAS, he was elected to numerous roles by the people of East Baton Rouge Parish, including East Baton Rouge Metro Council, Louisiana House of Representatives, Louisiana State Senate, and Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish;

WHEREAS, he served three terms as Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish;

WHEREAS, during his time as Mayor-President, he made many notable achievements. Most notable, he worked to transform Downtown Baton Rouge into a vibrant destination;

WHEREAS, he worked to improve infrastructure, increase economic development, create an arts and entertainment district, and market Baton Rouge to the film industry;

WHEREAS, while Mayor-President, he worked to bring large-scale events to East Baton Rouge Parish and attract many tourists and visitors to the parish;

WHEREAS, he inspired many people from his years of public service;

WHEREAS, he was known for his friendliness, humor, compassion, and vision for the community of Baton Rouge;

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts and contributions to the people of East Baton Rouge Parish and Louisiana will long be remembered;

WHEREAS, his work was well-known and appreciated by those who worked with him;

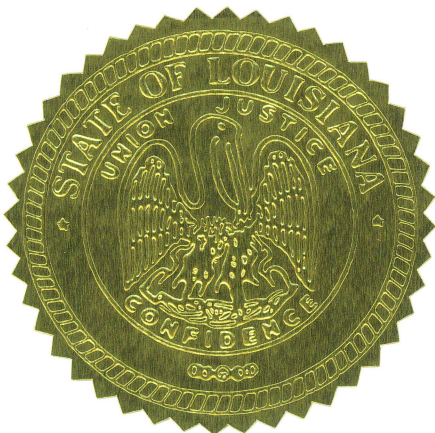
WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Lois Stevenson Holden, and five children, Melvin L. "Kip" Holden, II, Angela S. Jackson, Monique L. (Jovon) Holden-Cotton, Myron A. Holden, and Brian M. Holden; two sisters, Evelyn Joan Holden, and Brenda Faye Holden; three aunts; four uncles; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many outstanding contributions to our state.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Mayor-President Melvin "Kip" Holden, 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 May 22, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, May 22, 2025.

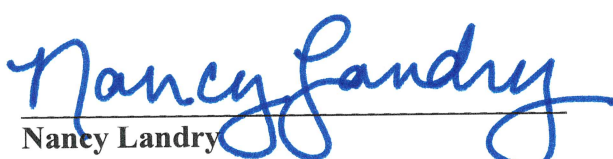


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 21st day of May 2025.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE