



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2018 - 22

Flags at Half-Staff--John Sydney McCain, III

- WHEREAS,** on August 25, 2018, John Sydney McCain, III passed away at the age of 81;
- WHEREAS,** born on August 29, 1936, at Coco Solo Naval Station, John McCain was the son and grandson of career U.S. Naval officers and graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1958;
- WHEREAS,** after volunteering for duty in Vietnam, McCain's plane was shot down in 1967 and he endured more than five years at Hoa Loa prison in North Vietnam;
- WHEREAS,** John McCain was assigned as the Navy's liaison to the U.S. Senate in 1976 and was elected to the United States House of Representatives shortly thereafter in 1982;
- WHEREAS,** John McCain was elected to the United States Senate in 1986 and served there until his death, most recently serving as chairman of the Armed Services Committee;
- WHEREAS,** John McCain established a reputation of independence as he pushed to reform the tobacco industry and campaign finance, did not support a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, and delivered the decisive vote to prevent the repeal of Medicaid Expansion, which has provided health care coverage for over 476,000 people in Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** during his 35 years representing Arizona in Congress and during his two presidential runs, John McCain remained true to his character and value system over partisanship;
- WHEREAS,** John McCain is survived by his wife Cindy, his sons, Douglas, Andrew, John, and James, and his daughters, Sidney, Meghan, and Bridget, as well as their families; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator John McCain was a great American patriot and statesman who put his country first throughout his life of service and leaves a lasting legacy of staying true to one's principles and putting country over politics.

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 the life of John Sydney McCain, III, 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 until sunset on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Sunday, September 2, 2018, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded prior to that date.

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 27th day of August, 2018.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

SECRETARY OF STATE