

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2021 – 14

#### *FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – STEPHEN E. PUGH*

- WHEREAS,** Stephen E. “Steve” Pugh, a former distinguished member of the Louisiana Legislature, died at the age of 60 on Tuesday, September 7, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** he was predeceased in 2015 by his beloved wife, Elizabeth; and he is survived by their two sons, Stephen and Christopher; grandchildren, Brady and Cecilia; and his sister, Marion Amedee;
- WHEREAS,** he was born on Saturday, April 1, 1961, in Hammond, Louisiana, the son of the late Charles and Marion Wadsworth Pugh;
- WHEREAS,** a devoted public servant and family man, Pugh began his career of service with membership in Kiwanis of Ponchatoula, and he became a fixture in many civic and community organizations, including the West Florida Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Krewe of Erin; in 1984, he became the youngest chairman ever elected to the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Board; a successful local business owner of St. Patrick’s Green Acres and Pugh’s Florist in Ponchatoula, he was widely regarded as having a keen eye for beauty and expression through floral arrangements;
- WHEREAS,** he served his state and his home of Tangipahoa Parish in the Louisiana Legislature for twelve years, first elected to the House of Representatives in 2007, and serving for three terms until 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve Pugh lived his life with integrity and honor, and his 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 for Stephen E. “Steve” Pugh, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol from sunrise until sunset on Monday, September 13, 2021.
- SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Monday, September 13, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

  
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