



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2023-9

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*FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – JIMMY N. DIMOS*

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- WHEREAS,** Judge Jimmy N. Dimos, a distinguished former member of the Louisiana Legislature and eminent jurist of the Louisiana judiciary, died on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the age of 84;
- WHEREAS,** he is survived by his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Dale Guilkey Dimos; his son, John Nicholas Dimos; daughters, Laura, Myra, and Christy; grandchildren, George, Elena, Eliza, Mary Laura, Paul, Adele, Casey, and Nicholas; cousin, Tommy Crazovich; sister-in-law, Cindy Ridgway; as well as countless friends;
- WHEREAS,** born Dimitrije Dimitrijeviski in Communist Yugoslavia on October 18, 1938, he immigrated to the United States with his mother Fanita to join his father Nick in Monroe, Louisiana, when he was twelve years old, setting out on a journey in which he truly achieved the American Dream;
- WHEREAS,** Dimos graduated from Northeast Louisiana State College, now the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and earned his juris doctorate from Tulane University;
- WHEREAS,** following law school, he served his adopted state and nation honorably in the Army National Guard; upon completion of his military service to our nation, he embarked on a long and storied career in law, politics, and public service;
- WHEREAS,** he served the people of Monroe and the State of Louisiana in the House of Representatives for 24 years, first taking office in 1976;
- WHEREAS,** from 1988 to 1992, Dimos served as Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives; in that capacity, he successfully led the state's legislature through a tremendous fiscal crisis, stabilizing Louisiana's budget during the throes of a national recession;
- WHEREAS,** in 1999, Dimos won election to serve as a judge in Louisiana's 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, serving on that bench until his retirement from public service in 2007;
- WHEREAS,** he served his community of Monroe in myriad ways, as President of the Monroe Jaycees, President of the NLU Alumni Association, and a member of numerous other religious, civic, and charitable organizations;
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame and the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame;
- WHEREAS,** Jimmy N. Dimos lived a life of tremendous faith, integrity, and honor, a life which sets an inspirational example for all the citizens of Louisiana and the United States, and his service as a public servant, lawmaker, and jurist 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 Jimmy N. Dimos, 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 Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

**SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

  
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