

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-006

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – JUDGE SALVADORE T. MULÉ

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge Salvatore Thomas Mulé, a retired judge, humanitarian, and devout Catholic who served the people of Louisiana and United States for his entire adult life passed away on January 1, 2025 at the age of 92;

WHEREAS, he was born during the Great Depression to Sicilian immigrants, he learned the meaning of faith, family, and freedom. His parents, neighborhood grocers in the Tremé, instilled in him and his 10 siblings to work hard and always give to others;

WHEREAS, from the sacrifices of his parents and family, he was fortunate to attend St. Joseph Seminary from age 12 until his high school graduation in 1950. He then received his Bachelor's degree in Church History from Notre Dame Seminary. Following his college graduation, he joined the United States Army, where he honorably served at the Southern European NATO Headquarters in Naples, Italy;

WHEREAS, upon his return to the States, he worked at Esso and Sears – saving his money to attend Loyola Law School. Although the days were long and the return bus rides home to New Orleans East late, he remained determined and received his law degree in 1962. Post graduation, he served in private practice in New Orleans;

WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected an Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Judge, a position he was re-elected to twice and held for 24 years. During this tenure, he was instrumental in enacting the Louisiana Children's Code – the organized compilation of all state laws affecting juveniles and juvenile delinquency. He was also the first juvenile judge in Louisiana to implement mediation – a practice essential in the rehabilitation of juveniles today. And, he proudly managed hundreds of adoption cases for families in New Orleans;

WHEREAS, in 1985, he started CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in New Orleans, a program designed to advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care, which is now used throughout Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he used his celebrity to promote an end to underage drinking and driving under the influence while recording several TV commercials and radio spots for the aforementioned;

WHEREAS, upon his retirement in Orleans Parish, he was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as the Administrative Judge of the East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court. Following his three-year service in Baton Rouge, he was appointed judge for the 21st Judicial District Court. While there, he heard all juvenile matters for Tangipahoa, Livingston, and St. Helena Parishes. Additionally, he served as a judge pro tempore in Jefferson and St. Tammany Parishes;

WHEREAS, he was recognized numerous times for his outstanding work to help change lives, particularly those of juveniles. In 1988, he was named Louisiana Judge of the Year by the Louisiana CASA Association. In 1990, he was elected and served as the president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. In 1994, he was awarded the National Judge of the Year by the National CASA Association. And, in 2000, he was the recipient of the Judge Richard Ware Award from the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund;

WHEREAS, known for his selfless work on the behalf of underprivileged children, he was recruited by the late Fr. Harry Tompson, S.J. to serve as a charter member of the Jesuit Program for Living and Learning and to serve annually for Boys Hope/Girls Hope;

WHEREAS, he volunteered countless hours to Christ's work. A past president of the St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, he volunteered annually for the Red Mass. For 25 years, he served as the weekly radio and Christmas Eve Midnight Mass television commentator at the St. Louis Cathedral;

WHEREAS, with an interest in improving education, he was a school board member at St. James Major High and Holy Name of Jesus Elementary. He taught CCD classes at Resurrection Church and was a volunteer Latin tutor for high school students. For three years, he was a volunteer adjunct professor of Juvenile Law at Loyola Law School. He was a supporter of Jesuit High School, St. Joseph Abbey, and Spring Hill College;

WHEREAS, he was the first lay president of the St. Joseph Seminary College Alumni Association and was the college's Alumnus of the Year recipient in 2010;

WHEREAS, he was a leader in the campaign for Capital Improvements for the Sisters Servants of Mary – a religious order who nurse the terminally ill throughout Greater New Orleans. He also volunteered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Louisiana Right to Life, and Habitat for

Humanity. He was a regular attendee and avid supporter for decades of the Manresa House of Retreats;

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Margaret Mary Falcon Mulé. He is survived by his three sons Thomas (Theresa), Michael (Merriweather), and Millard (Sarah); his six grandchildren Rosalie, Camille, Salvadore, Maximilian, Gabriel, and Isabella; his sister Margaret Ann Mulé; his nephews Harold (Diane) Baur II, Gabriel (Barbara) Mulé, and Raphael (Suzette) Mulé; his nieces Catharine Pardo and Mary Angela Rudh; his godchildren Evangeline Vavrick, Harold Baur III, and Mark Baur; and numerous other loving family members and friends;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his exemplary legacy of service and dedication to the legal community, the judiciary, his friends, and his family; and Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many outstanding contributions to our state.

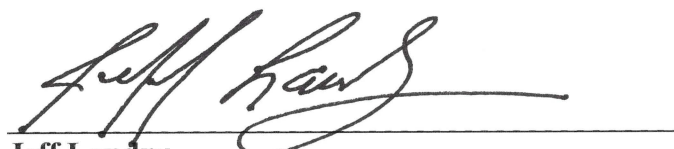
NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Judge Salvadore Thomas Mulé, 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 January 11, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, January 11, 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 7th day of January 2025.


Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**


Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE