

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2020 – 25

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – LUKE LETLOW

- WHEREAS,** Luke Joshua Letlow, Representative-elect for Louisiana's 5th United States Congressional District, died at the age of 41 on Tuesday, December 29, 2020;
- WHEREAS,** Luke is survived by his wife, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow, and their two young children, Jeremiah and Jacqueline;
- WHEREAS,** by the time of his untimely passing at a young age, Luke had already amassed an impressive career of public service to the people and the state of Louisiana, serving as congressional district director for then-Congressman Bobby Jindal from 2005 to 2008, then serving as director of intergovernmental affairs from 2008 to 2010 in the Office of the Governor of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** Luke further served the people of Louisiana as Chief of Staff in the Office of United States Representative Ralph Abraham, serving the people of Louisiana and his congressional district in that capacity for six years;
- WHEREAS,** he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in the fall of 2020, impressively winning a crowded race against ten other candidates; he was to take his oath of office as a member of the House of Representatives in the 117th Congress before his life was tragically cut short;
- WHEREAS,** as a community leader, hard work, perseverance, and faith guided Luke through his career of public service; and
- WHEREAS,** Luke Joshua Letlow lived his life with integrity and honor, and his service as a public servant and leader 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 Luke Joshua Letlow, 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 Saturday, January 2, 2021.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Saturday, January 2, 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 31st day of December, 2020.





GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**



SECRETARY OF STATE