

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-026

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
FORMER FIRST LADY ALICE C. FOSTER***

WHEREAS, Alice C. Foster, former First Lady of Louisiana, passed away on March 6, 2025;

WHEREAS, she was a resident of St. Mary Parish for 48 years;

WHEREAS, she was the daughter of Hubert Cosner and Vira Surles Cosner;

WHEREAS, she was the loving wife for 40 years to the late Governor Murphy J. “Mike” Foster, Jr.; the mother of Paul West (Lisette) and Troy West (Sandra); the stepmother to Murphy J. Foster, III (Diane) and Ramelle Foster; the grandmother to nine grandchildren, John West, Jennifer Harding, Michelle Eunice, Christopher West, Zachary West, Spencer West, David West, Murphy J. Foster, IV, and Clark Foster; the great-grandmother to fourteen great-grandchildren; and sister to Fred Cosner (Darlene).

WHEREAS, she served our state as First Lady for eight years with a distinguished record of accomplishments, including supporting many causes such as Project Clean-Up (The Governor’s Statewide Litter Eradication Program) and Breast Cancer Awareness;

WHEREAS, she volunteered her time to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, of which she served as the 1996, 1997, and 1998 campaign spokesperson;

WHEREAS, she promoted children’s education through the children’s book, *You Are Sunshine*;

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in creating The Louisiana Governor’s Mansion Foundation to preserve and enhance the grandeur of our Governor’s Mansion;

WHEREAS, in her efforts in restoring the Governor’s Mansion, she helped create an Executive Board, as well as a Board of Trustees, to assist in reaching the necessary goals of the foundation;

WHEREAS, she successfully recruited designers from all over the state to volunteer their time and return the Governor’s Mansion to its original splendor;

WHEREAS, her efforts to coordinate hundreds of people to restore the Governor's Mansion through a magnificent restoration as the "home of the people" are still appreciated today and should long be remembered;

WHEREAS, she was a woman of strong values, loyalty, grace, and charisma;

WHEREAS, in addition to her exemplary public service, she was known for being a kind and wonderful person;

WHEREAS, she will be cherished and remembered for her love of her family and friends;

WHEREAS, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to her many outstanding contributions to our state.

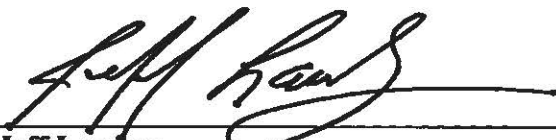
NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Alice C. Foster, 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 March 12, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, March 12, 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 11th day of March 2025.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE