



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2021-9

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
FORMER LT. GOVERNOR JAMES E. “JIMMY” FITZMORRIS, JR.***

WHEREAS, former Lieutenant Governor James Edward “Jimmy” Fitzmorris, Jr., died on June 30, 2021, at the age of 99;

WHEREAS, Jimmy Fitzmorris was born on November 15, 1921, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to James and Romolia Fitzmorris; he graduated from Jesuit High School in 1939 and went on to attend Loyola University before beginning his long and storied career of service to his community, his state, and his nation;

WHEREAS, he honorably served his State and his Nation in the United States Army during World War II, rising to the rank of Major before leaving the Army in 1945;

WHEREAS, his political career began on the New Orleans City Council, on which he served three terms from 1954 until 1966;

WHEREAS, he further served his State as its Lieutenant Governor from 1972 to 1980; as Lieutenant Governor, Fitzmorris redefined that office as an engine of tourism and economic growth;

WHEREAS, in 1999, he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Jimmy Fitzmorris is survived by his daughter Lisa Clement, two granddaughters, and several great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, among our greatest public servants, Fitzmorris was well and widely known for his civility, honesty, and leadership; his life was a testament to his faith and his love for family and neighbor; and while he will be greatly missed, the legacy of his work on behalf of the people of Louisiana will live on for generations to come.

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 former Lieutenant Governor James E. “Jimmy” Fitzmorris, 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 to sunset on Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset on Wednesday, July 7, 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 1st day of July, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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