

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2021 – 6

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – DR. VIRGIL ORR

- WHEREAS,** Dr. Virgil Orr, a former distinguished member of the Louisiana Legislature, died at the age of 98 on Saturday, April 24th, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** he is survived by his wife of 76 years, Myrtis Chandler Orr; his two daughters Virginia Orr Rice and Marilyn Orr Hyams; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren;
- WHEREAS,** he served his nation honorably in the United States Army Corps of Engineers during the Second World War;
- WHEREAS,** in 1944, Dr. Orr earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute (now Louisiana Tech), and later attained the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering; he served the students of this State and the Louisiana Tech Community as a professor, Dean of the College, and Vice President of Academic Affairs until his retirement from academia in 1980;
- WHEREAS,** he served his state and his home of Lincoln Parish in the Louisiana Legislature for four years, from 1988 until 1992; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Virgil Orr lived his life with integrity and honor, and his public service as an educator and lawmaker 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 Dr. Virgil Orr, 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 Wednesday, April 28, 2021.
- SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Wednesday, April 28, 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 27th day of April, 2021.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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