



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2022-7

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – SENATOR WILLIE EUGEAN CRAIN, SR.

WHEREAS, Willie Eugean Crain, Sr., a former distinguished member of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana, died on February 12, 2022, at the age of 79;

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Dorothy Fuller Crain, and their daughter Traci Crain Cleveland; he is survived by their sons, Gene and Scott, daughter Tana, and son-in-law David Cleveland, as well as thirteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, sisters Edna, Ruby, Shirley, Diane, and Nancy, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends;

WHEREAS, born the son of a sharecropping Baptist preacher in West Carroll Parish, Willie demonstrated his leadership early on, as captain of the Oak Grove football team.

WHEREAS, he honorably served his nation overseas in the United States Air Force, attending college and gaining an education while serving his nation, and returned home to Louisiana to eventually become a prominent member of his community and a business leader in Monroe;

WHEREAS, he served his state and his home of northeastern Louisiana in the Louisiana State Senate for six years, first taking office in 1988, and fighting tirelessly to represent the interests of the people of his corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, Willie Eugean Crain, Sr., lived a life of faith, integrity, and honor, and his service as a public servant 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 and to honor Willie Eugean Crain, 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 Tuesday, February 15, until sunset on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, February 16, 2022.

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 15th day of February, 2022.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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