



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-19**

Flags at Half-Staff—John “Johnny” Clinton McFerren, Jr.

- WHEREAS,** on August 1, 2018, John “Johnny” Clinton McFerren, Jr. passed away at the age of 84;
- WHEREAS,** Johnny was born in Marthaville, Louisiana on October 29, 1933 to John Clinton and Mae Donaho McFerren;
- WHEREAS,** he received a Master of Science degree in Education from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches and was a classroom teacher before being elected to serve on the Caddo Parish School Board for twelve years;
- WHEREAS,** Johnny was first elected to represent Louisiana House District 7 as a state representative in 1980, where he served four terms and was the Chairman of the House Education Committee from 1992 to 1996;
- WHEREAS,** Johnny was a successful businessman, as the owner of McFerren Real Estate for 60 years and founder of Johnny’s Catfish and Seafood more than 15 years ago;
- ~~**WHEREAS,** he was a founding member and deacon of Brookwood Baptist Church for more than 50 years;~~
- WHEREAS,** he was appointed to the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System in 2017;
- WHEREAS,** Johnny was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy, and brothers, Wayne and Norman, and he is survived by his daughter, Karen; son, Scott and wife Lori; grandsons Justin Penn and wife Heather, Clinton McFerren and wife Lauren, Beau McFerren and wife Gabby; great-grandchildren, Cora, Michael Reid, and John-Hardin Penn; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and
- WHEREAS,** Johnny McFerren lived his life as a man of faith and devoted to his family and community and leaves a legacy in Louisiana 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 the life of John “Johnny” Clinton McFerren, Jr., the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol until sunset on Friday, August 3, 2018.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Friday, August 3, 2018, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded prior to that date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 2nd day of August, 2018.