WHEREAS, on July 17, 2016, six law enforcement officers were shot in Baton Rouge, resulting in the deaths of Baton Rouge Police Officers Matthew Gerald and Montrell Jackson, and East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Deputy Brad Garafola; and

WHEREAS, the prayers of the people of the State of Louisiana are with the victims, their families, and all of the law enforcement officers that put their lives at risk every day in order to serve and protect the people of our State and nation.

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 victims of this tragedy, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all public buildings and institutions of the State of Louisiana immediately until sunset on Monday, July 25, 2016.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Monday, July 25, 2016.

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 18th day of July, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
SECRETARY OF STATE