



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-138**

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
SHERIFF MIKE CAZES***

WHEREAS, former West Baton Rouge Sheriff Michael Brian “Mike” Cazes passed away on November 24, 2025;

WHEREAS, he was born on March 16, 1956;

WHEREAS, he dedicated his entire life to serving his community, and his life reflects the unwavering and remarkable service he offered to others;

WHEREAS, his service in law enforcement consisted of over 40 years of hard work and dedication and many different roles, including reserve deputy, jailer, patrol deputy, Port Allen City Marshal, administrative assistant to the sheriff, chief criminal deputy, and, finally, as sheriff for 20 years, before recently retiring;

WHEREAS, as sheriff, he extended his service of his community into many different leadership roles, including as president of the Louisiana Sheriffs’ Association;

WHEREAS, he was revered for his commitment to justice and the legal system, which was celebrated by his induction into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, his community is grateful for his service and gift of self, and that appreciation was forever memorialized in West Baton Rouge Parish naming Mike Cazes Road in his honor;

WHEREAS, he truly exemplified outstanding law enforcement as a disciplined, compassionate, and selfless law enforcement officer;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his deep, local roots and his ability to connect with the many people of his community through his wisdom, courage, and unwavering resolve;

WHEREAS, Sheriff Cazes' life exemplified the courage and commitment of those who stand on the Thin Blue Line, a symbol of the brave men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting our communities;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for inspiring countless lives and for championing justice, integrity, and community well-being, along with his purpose, leadership, and service;

WHEREAS, through his unwavering dedication, sacrifice, and leadership, he made a lasting impact on law enforcement, both in West Baton Rouge and in Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he exemplified a selfless spirit and a servant's heart, tirelessly uplifting others and perpetually giving both his time and talents to those in need;

WHEREAS, he was a family man, who loved and adored his children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter;

WHEREAS, his legacy will inspire future generations and continue to live on in all who knew him;

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Marion Sr. and Elizabeth "Betty" Templet Cazes; and brother, Patrick Kevin "Pat" Cazes;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 41 years, Stephanie Jarreau Cazes; their three children, Chrissy Cazes Simoneaux (Dale), Michelle Cazes Olinde (Ryan), Brian Cazes (Laurie); grandchildren, Daleigh Simoneaux (Brock), Ryler Simoneaux, Peyton Olinde, Preston Olinde, Allie Johnson, Anna Grace Johnson, and Ashlynn Johnson; great-granddaughter, AudreyAnn Bourg; siblings, Joseph Marion "Jim" Cazes Jr. and his wife Grace, Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Cazes Wilbert and her husband Calvin "Pat" Jr., David Cazes and his wife Denise; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Sheriff Mike Cazes, 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 until sunset on Friday, November 28, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset,
Friday, November 28, 2025.



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 26th
day of November 2025.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE