

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2020 – 13

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – TROOPER GEORGE BAKER

- WHEREAS,** George Baker, a distinguished member of the Louisiana State Police, died on Sunday, May 24, 2020 from injuries sustained in the line of duty;
- WHEREAS,** he is survived by his wife, Heather, their daughter Harper, his parents, his sisters, and his extended family;
- WHEREAS,** Trooper Baker honorably served the people of the United States for eight years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve, deploying on a combat tour in the Middle East;
- WHEREAS,** he further served his parish and his state, serving four years with the Greensburg Police Department, and four years with the St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office before joining the Louisiana State Police;
- WHEREAS,** the prayers of the people of the State of Louisiana are with Trooper Baker's family, 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; and
- WHEREAS,** Trooper George Baker lived his life with integrity and honor, and his service to the United States and 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 George Baker, 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 throughout the State of Louisiana until sunset on Thursday, May 28, 2020.
- SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Thursday, May 28, 2020.



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 May, 2020.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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