

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-118

## FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – DEPUTY CHARLES WILLIAM RILEY

WHEREAS, Deputy Charles "Charlie" William Riley tragically lost his life in the line of duty on October 6, 2025;

WHEREAS, he was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on January 3, 1992;

WHEREAS, he proudly served our country in the United States Navy, where he was an airman aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in Norfolk, Virginia, and he achieved the rank of Aviation Boatswain's Mate Third Class (SW);

WHEREAS, he then began his career in law enforcement at the Gonzales Police Department and later joined the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, where he served for over six years;

WHEREAS, he was known to have served his community with compassion;

WHEREAS, his dedication to his duties and his community was unwavering, and his integrity and bravery set a high standard in both his military and law enforcement careers;

WHEREAS, he was recognized repeatedly for his outstanding service, including receiving the Outstanding Bearing Award for professional appearance and attitude in 2020 and, later, the Top Gun award in 2024 for his department;

WHEREAS, in a testament to his heroism, he notably received a letter of commendation for saving the life of a gunshot victim on June 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, his selflessness and love were on display for the community to see, from the smiles he put on students' faces to helping individuals in times of need;

WHEREAS, he was known for his positive attitude and beautiful smile;

WHEREAS, he had a love for the outdoors, growing up fishing and hunting, and continuing to enjoy the areas around his home in St. Amant;

WHEREAS, his passions included playing baseball and building bonfires on the levee with his family;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Carlye; his daughters, the loves of his life, Cassidy and Ella; goddaughter, Emma Ory; parents, Billy Dean, Jr. and Libby Riley; father-in-law, Steve Bezet; sister, Rebecca Riley; brother and sister-in-law, Steven and Rachel Riley; brother, Brian Riley; uncles and aunts, Jeff and Denise Riley, Nancy and Stacy LeBourgeois, Beth and Dewey Frederic, Peter Riley, and Licia and David Chaney; nieces, Jenison Riley, Addison Riley, and Alli Riley; nephew, Joby Mullins; and extended family, Mike, Kristen, Taylor Latiolais, and Rachel Steadman, partner Jordan Ward, and dozens of loving cousins. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Billy Dean, Sr. and Barbara Riley; and his maternal grandparents, Arthur Joseph and Ruby Ory; godfather, Kevin Ory; uncle, Christopher Drew Riley Sr.; and cousin, Brandy Chaney;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for standing on the Thin Blue Line, along with so many others who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our communities;

WHEREAS, his unwavering commitment to protecting and serving others is inspiring to all who knew him;

WHEREAS, his legacy of kindness and selflessness will continue to live on for all who knew him;

WHEREAS, Deputy Charles "Charlie" William Riley is a true hero, whose life and sacrifice will forever inspire and resonate within our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, 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 Deputy Charles Riley, 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 October 13, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset,

October 13, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

Jeff Landry

**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA** 

ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE