

# State of Louisiana



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 15

### *FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF TO HONOR FRANK LEVINGSTON*

**WHEREAS**, Frank Levingston, the oldest living man in the United States and the oldest verified surviving American World War II veteran, died in Louisiana on May 4, 2016 at the age of 110;

**WHEREAS**, born in North Carolina in 1905, Mr. Levingston enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 6, 1942;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Levingston served in the Allied invasion in Italy, and received an honorable discharge in 1945;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Levingston was a proud member of the Lake Charles community, before recently moving to Shreveport;

**WHEREAS**, while never marrying or having children, he was a beloved uncle to the children of his brother and sister;

**WHEREAS**, in his lifetime, nineteen presidents governed the United States and he survived both world wars; and

**WHEREAS**, his service and commitment to our country 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 Frank Levingston, 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 until sunset on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

**SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Tuesday, May 10, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

SECRETARY OF STATE