

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 18

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF TO HONOR MARY FREY EATON

- WHEREAS,** Mary Frey Eaton died on May 24, 2016, at the age of 91;
- WHEREAS,** she dedicated her life to the belief that we all have a responsibility of service to our community and that every child should have the opportunity to become the finest they are capable of being;
- WHEREAS,** from 1988 to 2000, she served on the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro Council, which included being elected mayor pro-tem in 1996;
- WHEREAS,** she was known for her patience and persistence in researching and fully understanding an issue, making informed decisions, and respectfully negotiating compromises between parties with differing views;
- WHEREAS,** her public service encompassed many areas, her persuasive demeanor an especially effective tool in advancing the arts;
- WHEREAS,** she helped found the Community Fund for the Arts and Keep Baton Rouge Beautiful, Inc., and also helped establish Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge;
- WHEREAS,** she gave generously of her time and energy through multiple civic organizations, including, but not limited to, the Louisiana Preservation Alliance, the Louisiana Art and Science Museum, the YMCA, the Baton Rouge Symphony, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, the LSU Museum of Art Advisory Board, the Baton Rouge AIDS Task Force Advisory Committee, the Development Council for the Woman's Hospital Foundation, and the Frank Hayden Memorial Committee;
- WHEREAS,** she was chair of Keep America Beautiful in Baton Rouge, and also served on the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, the Downtown Development District, the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, the Public Affairs Research Council, Council for a Better Louisiana, and the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry;
- WHEREAS,** she received multiple awards honoring her work in the community, including the Golden Deeds Award in 1984 and the Junior League of Baton Rouge's Sustainer of the Year Award 1989;
- WHEREAS,** she was inducted into the LSU Hall of Distinction in 1991 and was one of six women of achievement honored by the YWCA in 1994;

WHEREAS, she was an inspiration to many people in Louisiana by exemplifying the impact one person can have on a community, and her passion and unwavering commitment to improving 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 Mary Frey Eaton, 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 Friday, May 27, 2016.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Friday, May 27, 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 26th day of May, 2016.

Handwritten signature of John Bel Edwards in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

Handwritten signature of the Secretary of State in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE