

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-06

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – SERGEANT SHAWN THOMAS ANDERSON

- WHEREAS,** Sergeant Shawn Thomas Anderson, a veteran deputy with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office, died on March 18, 2017 in the line of duty;
- WHEREAS,** before joining the Sheriff's office in May 1999, he served three years in the United States Army stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where he was assigned to Multiple Launch Rocket Systems;
- WHEREAS,** in his eighteen years with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff, he served in multiple divisions, including Narcotics, Emergency Services Unit, Maritime Response Team, and became a master handler and trainer in the Canine Division;
- WHEREAS,** he also served as a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's SWAT team for eleven years, and while on SWAT, in 2014, he was recognized for serving more than sixty high-risk warrants the previous year with no injuries or shots fired;
- WHEREAS,** he also served in uniform patrol across East Baton Rouge Parish, where he was known and recognized for his commitment to public service by his fellow officers and the community he served, always willing to help wherever the need arose, whether it was a couple whose baby he helped deliver on the side of the road or someone whose lost cat he helped locate when responding to a house alarm; and
- WHEREAS,** the impact of Shawn Anderson's commitment to public service and the State of Louisiana will be felt for years, by his family and loved ones, by his co-workers, and by the many people in the community that he helped.


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 and to honor Shawn Thomas Anderson, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Thursday, March 23, 2017.



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 22nd day of March, 2017.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**



SECRETARY OF STATE