

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – HONORABLE JIMMY MARTIN

WHEREAS, James Paul Martin, better known as Jimmy Martin, passed away on May 21, 2017 at the age of 88;

WHEREAS, before serving five terms in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1972, he was elected as mayor of Welsh, Louisiana in 1967 and re-elected without opposition in 1971. His commitment to the citizens of Louisiana will be missed;

WHEREAS, a member of Our Lady of Seven Dolours, an usher, a member of East Deanery Serra Club and the Welsh Rotary Club, with a lifelong commitment to working with the Boy Scouts of America, Jimmy Martin actively participated and contributed to the community. Jimmy Martin received the Silver Beaver Award presented by the Calcasieu area Boy Scouts of America.

WHEREAS, Jimmy Martin was known for his service and commitment to the state and the citizens of his community;

WHEREAS, Before entering his political career, Jimmy Martin was an alumnus of St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, he attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute of Lafayette (ULL) and graduated from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He served in the Army during the Korean War before returning to Welsh, Louisiana where he was a field underwriter in the New York Life Insurance company.

WHEREAS, a father to; Paul M. Martin, Claude A. Martin, Andree M. Hainkel (John), and John S. Martin (Robert Mericle) and a grandfather to; Victor P. Martin, Alexandra M. Hainkel, Roth M. Hainkel, and Madilyn E. Martin. As well as a great-grandfather to Olivia A. Hainkel and a husband to Bernadine Fontenot Martin. Jimmy Martin will be missed tremendously by those who knew him. After a lifetime of dedication to improving the State of Louisiana, the community he loved so dearly will forever be impacted by his service.

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 the Jimmy Martin, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Thursday, June 1, 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 31st day of May, 2017.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**



SECRETARY OF STATE