



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 26-002**

***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –
THE HONORABLE ROBERT “BOB” KOSTELKA***

WHEREAS, former district attorney, judge, and state senator Robert “Bob” Kostelka passed away on January 10, 2026 at age 92;

WHEREAS, he lived a life of public service, serving as District Attorney of the 4th Judicial District, District Court Judge of the 4th Judicial District, and Judge of the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals;

WHEREAS, he served as a Louisiana state senator from 2003-2016;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his distinguished career, intellect, and dedication to the judicial system, he was nominated by President George H. W. Bush to the United States District Court in 1992;

WHEREAS, throughout his life of public service, he had a deep sense of duty, fairness, and commitment to doing what was right;

WHEREAS, as a reflection of his tremendous career in public service, he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2022;

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional career, his dedication to the community was shown through his service as a YMCA football coach, boy scout leader, Louisiana Law Institute member and Sunday school teacher;

WHEREAS, he also loved travel, having a special fondness for the western states, especially Montana, which brought him a sense of peace and freedom;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a warm and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and for his strength, integrity, and warmth;

WHEREAS, he lived his life leading by example with honor, hard work, and service to both his family and the community at large;

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his first wife Bobbie, son Clif, sister Billie and countless friends and associates;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Felicia Kostelka; his children Kathryn Lemoine, William “Bill” Kostelka (Donna), Carol Gros (Terry), and Claire Texada (Chase); his grandchildren Evan Kostelka (Caroline), Katie Collandreau (Pierre) and Collins Marie Texada; his great-grandchildren Cooper, Molly, Carter, Eleanore, and Madeleine; and many extended family members and friends;

WHEREAS, Louisiana is indebted to him for his decades of leadership and enduring contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor The Honorable Robert “Bob” Kostelka, 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 January 15, 2026.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, January 15, 2026.



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 13th day of January, 2026.


Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**


Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE