

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-026

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***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –  
FORMER FIRST LADY ALICE C. FOSTER***

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**WHEREAS**, Alice C. Foster, former First Lady of Louisiana, passed away on March 6, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, she was a resident of St. Mary Parish for 48 years;

**WHEREAS**, she was the daughter of Hubert Cosner and Vira Surles Cosner;

**WHEREAS**, she was the loving wife for 40 years to the late Governor Murphy J. “Mike” Foster, Jr.; the mother of Paul West (Lisette) and Troy West (Sandra); the stepmother to Murphy J. Foster, III (Diane) and Ramelle Foster; the grandmother to nine grandchildren, John West, Jennifer Harding, Michelle Eunice, Christopher West, Zachary West, Spencer West, David West, Murphy J. Foster, IV, and Clark Foster; the great-grandmother to fourteen great-grandchildren; and sister to Fred Cosner (Darlene).

**WHEREAS**, she served our state as First Lady for eight years with a distinguished record of accomplishments, including supporting many causes such as Project Clean-Up (The Governor's Statewide Litter Eradication Program) and Breast Cancer Awareness;

**WHEREAS**, she volunteered her time to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, of which she served as the 1996, 1997, and 1998 campaign spokesperson;

**WHEREAS**, she promoted children’s education through the children's book, *You Are Sunshine*;

**WHEREAS**, she was instrumental in creating The Louisiana Governor’s Mansion Foundation to preserve and enhance the grandeur of our Governor’s Mansion;

**WHEREAS**, in her efforts in restoring the Governor’s Mansion, she helped create an Executive Board, as well as a Board of Trustees, to assist in reaching the necessary goals of the foundation;

**WHEREAS**, she successfully recruited designers from all over the state to volunteer their time and return the Governor’s Mansion to its original splendor;

**WHEREAS**, her efforts to coordinate hundreds of people to restore the Governor’s Mansion through a magnificent restoration as the “home of the people” are still appreciated today and should long be remembered;

**WHEREAS**, she was a woman of strong values, loyalty, grace, and charisma;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her exemplary public service, she was known for being a kind and wonderful person;

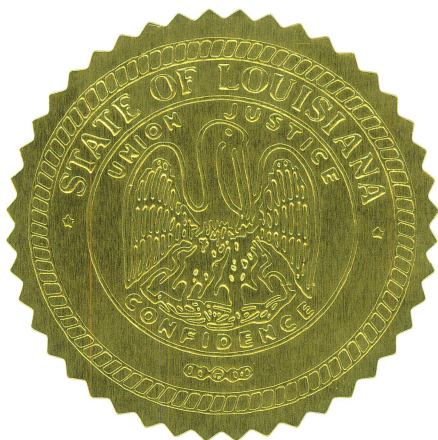
**WHEREAS**, she will be cherished and remembered for her love of her family and friends;

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to her many outstanding contributions to our state.


**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 Alice C. Foster, 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 March 12, 2025.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, March 12, 2025.



**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

  
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**Jeff Landry**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

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**Nancy Landry**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**