

# State of Louisiana



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-05

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### *FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – HONORABLE ARMAND JOSEPH BRINKHAUS*

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- WHEREAS,** born in St. Landry Parish on November 7, 1935, the Honorable Armand Joseph Brinkhaus died on February 12, 2017;
- WHEREAS,** he was first elected to serve in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1968, and then in 1976, he was elected to serve in the Louisiana Senate, faithfully serving the public as a legislator for twenty-eight years;
- WHEREAS,** he was the first law clerk at the Third Circuit Court of Appeal in Lake Charles, and while he was widely known and respected for his skills and talents as an attorney, he also managed two family farms, was an avid reader of historical fiction, and played the piano, saxophone and clarinet;
- WHEREAS,** Armand Brinkhaus served with distinction as chairman of both the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate Education Committee, and also served as a member of other legislative committees including the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Higher Education Committee, the Senate Judiciary C Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Judiciary D Committee, the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the Legislative Budget Control Council;
- WHEREAS,** his accomplishments included support and promotion of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) and legislative changes to the state's education system, supporting legislation to increase the salaries of teachers, bus drivers, and school support personnel;
- WHEREAS,** he authored legislation to increase the salaries of appellate, district, family, juvenile, parish, city, traffic, and municipal court judges and to create the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Criminal Justice Commission;
- WHEREAS,** he authored legislation that improved local road and drainage systems and created the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District, the Acadiana Railroad Development District, the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal Commission, the Washington Museum and Tourist Commission, and the South St. Landry Parish Community Library District;
- WHEREAS,** among the many awards he received recognizing the good work he did throughout his career, he was honored with distinguished service awards from the St. Landry Parish Farm Bureau, the Handicapped and Exceptional Children of Louisiana, the Louisiana Pharmacy Association, the Louisiana Restaurant Association, and the Louisiana Federation of Teachers. He was chosen to receive the Louisiana Association of Educators' President's Special Recognition Award and was awarded the L'Association Internationale des Parlementaires de Langue Francaise L'Ordre de la Pleiade for distinguished dedication to the development of the French language and the preservation of the francophone culture in Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS,** Armand Brinkhaus' life was dedicated to the State of Louisiana and serving its people with honor and dignity, and he will long be remembered for his loyalty, integrity and love of his family and the citizens he served.

**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 Honorable Armand Joseph Brinkhaus, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol on Friday, February 17, 2017.

**SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Friday, February 17, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards", is written over a horizontal line.

**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over a horizontal line.

**SECRETARY OF STATE**