

State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – HONORABLE AL ATER

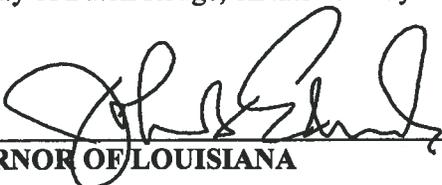
- WHEREAS,** the Honorable Alan Ray Ater, also known as Al Ater, a resident of Ferriday, Louisiana, passed away on May 21, 2017 at the age of 63;
- WHEREAS,** Al Ater was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1983. He served two terms before serving as the first assistant to Louisiana Secretary of State Fox McKeithen. After the death of Secretary McKeithen, Al Ater became Louisiana Secretary of State. His advocacy for the citizens of Louisiana will be missed;
- WHEREAS,** during his tenure as Louisiana Secretary of State, he played a significant role in helping the displaced evacuees of New Orleans vote in the city's election for mayor. He will be remembered for zealously arguing that it was a natural disaster that prevented the community from voting rather than a mere change in address.
- WHEREAS,** Al Ater was known for his commitment to his state and community especially during the hardships of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath;
- WHEREAS,** Before he entered his political career, Al Ater was an alumnus of Huntington High School in Ferriday, Louisiana as well as to Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana.
- WHEREAS,** a father of three children; Whitney Lauren Ater, Thomas Alan Ater and Elliot Andrew Ater, he was a man devoted to his family and the state of Louisiana. Al Ater 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 Al Ater, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol on Friday, May 26, 2017.
- SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Friday, May 26, 2017.

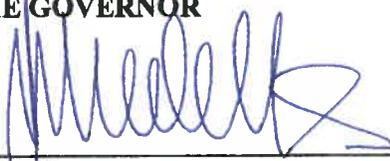


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of May, 2017.



GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**



SECRETARY OF STATE