

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-05

### *FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF*

**WHEREAS,** on Wednesday afternoon, February 14, 2018, 17 people were killed, with at least 15 more hospitalized, as a result of the shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida;

**WHEREAS,** as a mark of solemn respect, President Trump issued a Proclamation on February 15, 2018, ordering the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds until sunset, February 19, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisianans mourn with all whose loved ones were killed and injured in this horrible tragedy in Parkland, Florida.

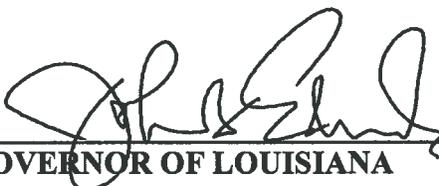
**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** As an expression of respect for victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all public buildings and institutions of the State of Louisiana until sunset on Monday, February 19, 2018.

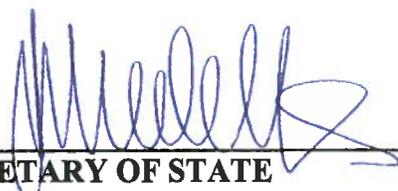
**SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Monday, February 19, 2018, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded prior to that date.



**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

  
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