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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 – 25**

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***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF TO HONOR  
REVEREND E. EDWARD JONES, SR.***

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- WHEREAS,** born in DeRidder in 1931, Reverend E. Edward Jones, Sr. died on June 9, 2016, at the age of 85;
- WHEREAS,** while he was nationally known as a religious, social, and civil rights activist, he was well-known in Louisiana for his commitment to improving the lives of citizens in his community of Shreveport;
- WHEREAS,** he recently celebrated his fifty-seventh anniversary of serving as the pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Shreveport;
- WHEREAS,** before becoming a minister, he began his career in education at Morehouse Parish School;
- WHEREAS,** inspired by a meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at Galilee Baptist Church in the early 1960s, he became an influential figure in the desegregation of Caddo Parish School District;
- WHEREAS,** Reverend Jones served as president of the National Baptist Convention of America from 1985 until 2003;
- WHEREAS,** instrumental in ensuring that disadvantaged, elderly and handicapped citizens have better access to supportive living residences, Reverend Jones served as president of two housing developments since 1985;
- WHEREAS,** he served on many boards, including the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors and the Grambling State University Foundation, and he received many awards recognizing his good work, including induction into the Grambling State University Hall of Fame in 1986; and
- WHEREAS,** his commitment to improving the lives of others will long be remembered, and the passion and generosity with which he served his community serves as an example for everyone committed to doing the most for the least among us.

**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 Reverend E. Edward Jones, Sr., 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 Friday, June 17, 2016.

**SECTION 2:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, Friday, June 17, 2016.

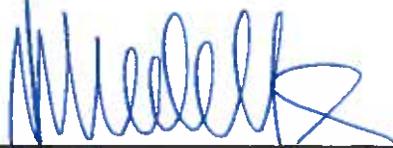
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.



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**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**



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**SECRETARY OF STATE**