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TO: Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

SUBJECT: Legal State Holiday Proclaimed – National Memorial Day

Gov. John Bel Edwards has proclaimed Monday, May 29, 2023, as a legal state holiday – National Memorial Day.

See the attached Proclamation No. 77 JBE 2023.

Sincerely,

s/Byron P. Decoteau
Director



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 77 JBE 2023

LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY - NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY

- WHEREAS,** the people of Louisiana recognize and honor on National Memorial Day the heroic men and women who sacrificed their lives through military service;
- WHEREAS,** National Memorial Day provides an opportunity for remembrance of their patriotic commitment to the democratic principles of freedom and equality;
- WHEREAS,** the last Monday in May has been federally established as the day to celebrate National Memorial Day; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 1:55(B)(2) allows the Governor to proclaim National Memorial Day as a legal holiday and a day of rest in the State of Louisiana.

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:** National Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, is declared a legal holiday in the State of Louisiana and shall be observed as a day of rest and remembrance.
- SECTION 2:** On National Memorial Day all state buildings flying the flag of the United States of America shall display the flag at half-staff until noon and shall thereafter raise the flag to the top of the staff in accordance with guidelines of the United States Code, 4 U.S.C. §1, *et seq.*
- SECTION 3:** Insofar as practicable, the appointing authorities and/or heads of all institutions, offices and departments of the State (hereafter "appointing authority") shall permit the officers and employees under their control to observe National Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, as a day of rest and remembrance. Nonetheless, an appointing authority shall have discretion to require officers or employees to work on the holiday when, in the appointing authority's judgment, it is required for the efficient administration of a State facility, the operation of which is necessary and indispensable to the citizens of this State.



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 13th day of April, 2023.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY
OF STATE**

SECRETARY OF STATE