



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 26-002

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***FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF –  
THE HONORABLE ROBERT “BOB” KOSTELKA***

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**WHEREAS**, former district attorney, judge, and state senator Robert “Bob” Kostelka passed away on January 10, 2026 at age 92;

**WHEREAS**, he lived a life of public service, serving as District Attorney of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, District Court Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, and Judge of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals;

**WHEREAS**, he served as a Louisiana state senator from 2003-2016;

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his distinguished career, intellect, and dedication to the judicial system, he was nominated by President George H. W. Bush to the United States District Court in 1992;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his life of public service, he had a deep sense of duty, fairness, and commitment to doing what was right;

**WHEREAS**, as a reflection of his tremendous career in public service, he was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2022;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his professional career, his dedication to the community was shown through his service as a YMCA football coach, boy scout leader, Louisiana Law Institute member and Sunday school teacher;

**WHEREAS**, he also loved travel, having a special fondness for the western states, especially Montana, which brought him a sense of peace and freedom;

**WHEREAS**, he will be remembered as a warm and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and for his strength, integrity, and warmth;

**WHEREAS**, he lived his life leading by example with honor, hard work, and service to both his family and the community at large;

**WHEREAS**, he was preceded in death by his first wife Bobbie, son Clif, sister Billie and countless friends and associates;

**WHEREAS**, he is survived by his beloved wife, Felicia Kostelka; his children Kathryn Lemoine, William “Bill” Kostelka (Donna), Carol Gros (Terry), and Claire Texada (Chase); his grandchildren Evan Kostelka (Caroline), Katie Collandreau (Pierre) and Collins Marie Texada; his great-grandchildren Cooper, Molly, Carter, Eleanore, and Madeleine; and many extended family members and friends;

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana is indebted to him for his decades of leadership and enduring contributions.


**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the 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 Robert “Bob” Kostelka, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise until sunset on January 15, 2026.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, January 15, 2026.



**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

  
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**Jeff Landry**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE**

  
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**Nancy Landry**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**