



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-093**

***HURRICANE KATRINA DAY OF REMEMBRANCE,
DAY OF PRAYER, AND FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF***

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall along the Gulf Coast as one of the most devastating natural disasters in American history, with the State of Louisiana bearing the weight of its profound destruction and loss;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina and its effects claimed the loss of over 1,800 lives, displaced hundreds of thousands of Louisiana residents, and caused widespread destruction to homes, businesses, infrastructure, and cultural landmarks;

WHEREAS, the people of Louisiana endured unimaginable hardship, yet Louisianians displayed unmatched courage, compassion, and unbreakable resilience in the face of overwhelming adversity;

WHEREAS, the response and support shown by people across Louisiana and the United States of America should never be forgotten;

WHEREAS, communities across Louisiana have worked tirelessly over the past two decades to rebuild lives, restore neighborhoods, and preserve the unique cultural heritage that defines our state;

WHEREAS, the response and recovery from Hurricane Katrina inspired innovation and investment in disaster preparedness, emergency response, coastal restoration, and infrastructure resiliency throughout Louisiana and our nation, to better respond to storms, and it is necessary for us to continue to prioritize these efforts;

WHEREAS, Louisiana's recovery has been a remarkable journey of resilience and innovation, transforming our state and its people into a symbol of hope and recovery;

WHEREAS, the twentieth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina offers a solemn opportunity to honor the memory of those who were lost, to pay tribute to the enduring strength and spirit of

our people, and to reaffirm our commitment to safeguarding every community in our great state with vigilance and care; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the State of Louisiana observe this significant anniversary with reflection, remembrance, and renewed dedication to unity and preparedness.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, I do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: August 29, 2025 is proclaimed as Hurricane Katrina Remembrance Day in the State of Louisiana.

Section 2: To honor and remember the victims of this tragic event, and the sacrifices of so many across the state and our country, 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 to sunset on August 29, 2025.

Section 3: All political subdivisions, private entities, and educational institutions, including public, private, parochial, and post-secondary institutions, are encouraged to lower the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana to half-staff during this period.

Section 4: Throughout our history, Louisianians have been strengthened, assured, and lifted up through prayer; therefore, Louisianians of all faiths and religious traditions and backgrounds are encouraged to join me and Sharon in a day of prayer in observance of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2025.

Section 5: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset, on August 29, 2025, or until amended.



**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**


Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 25th day of August, 2025.


Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA