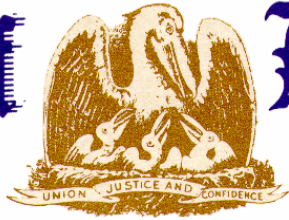


State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2006 - 53

FLAGS AT HALF STAFF IN TRIBUTE TO FORMER PRESIDENT FORD

WHEREAS, Gerald R. Ford, thirty-eighth President of the United States of America, died Tuesday, December 26, 2006, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, President Ford was a dedicated public servant who will be forever remembered for his leadership, integrity, and honorable conduct of his Administration;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, 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 of the citizens of the state of Louisiana for Gerald R. Ford, thirty-eighth President of the United States of America, effective immediately, 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 Thursday, January 25, 2007.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



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 27th day of December, 2006.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Jay Dardenne
SECRETARY OF STATE