

# State of Louisiana

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION NO. 136 BJ 2015

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#### STATEWIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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- WHEREAS,** we are a state whose people turn to prayer when faced with adversity and in times of blessing, we value each human being as a life made by our Creator, in his image, and thank God that every life is sacred;
- WHEREAS,** our law enforcement men and women courageously risk their lives every day while protecting our communities and our citizens, with nine law enforcement officers having died in the line of duty in Louisiana this year, and we wish to acknowledge their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families;
- WHEREAS,** in this time of grief, we petition the Lord to provide *comfort* to Louisianians, *understanding* to families affected by these tragedies, and *protection* to all law enforcement as they selflessly serve in the face of danger each day;
- WHEREAS,** we ask God for his continued guidance over our state and nation, and pray the Lord will provide us with wisdom, discernment, courage, protection, comfort and direction;
- WHEREAS,** it is fitting that we set aside a day for individuals, communities, churches and businesses in the State of Louisiana to collectively pray for these fallen officers and recognize those that protect us every day.
- NOW THEREFORE I, BOBBY JINDAL,** 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:** Monday, September 14, 2015 shall be a statewide day of prayer for law enforcement. I invite all Louisianians who choose to join in prayer to ask for protection over our law enforcement men and women, to thank God for his many blessings and to seek a spiritual revival among the people of Louisiana.
- SECTION 2:** I encourage all Louisianians, local officials, businesses, and religious leaders within the state to organize events celebrating the life of those who have sacrificed themselves while serving our communities, and to pray protection over those who ensure the continued safety of our citizens.
- SECTION 3:** I invite the Governors and officials of other states to join me in designating September 14, 2015 as a day of prayer for our law enforcement individuals who daily risk their lives providing protection to communities throughout our Nation. Faith created and sustains America, and we need trust, respect and civility restored in our Nation.



ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015.

/s/ Bobby Jindal  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

/s/ Tom Schedler  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**