



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS: Today the State of Georgia mourns the loss of Governor S. Ernest Vandiver, Jr., the seventy-third Governor of our State; and

WHEREAS: Governor S. Ernest Vandiver, Jr. was born in Canon, Georgia, on July 3, 1918; and

WHEREAS: On September 3, 1947, he married the State's future First Lady, the lovely Sybil Elizabeth (Betty) Russell, niece of Senator Richard B. Russell, and had three children: Samuel Ernest, III, Vanna Elizabeth, and Jane Brevard; and

WHEREAS: Governor S. Ernest Vandiver, Jr. served the Great State of Georgia as its Adjutant General, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor; and

WHEREAS: Governor S. Ernest Vandiver, Jr. led this state ably by increasing appropriations for education, expanding welfare benefits for Georgia's underprivileged citizens, modernizing mental health programs, and guiding the State through desegregation; and

NOW THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF GOVERNOR S. ERNEST VANDIVER, JR., PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the flag of the United States and the flag of this State be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds from this date until sunset on the day of his funeral.

THIS 22nd DAY OF February, 2005.


GOVERNOR