



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

- WHEREAS:** On the fifth anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, we recall the fire and horror at the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a Pennsylvania field. America will always remember the thousands of innocent lives taken by the enemies of freedom that morning; and
- WHEREAS:** In the face of these unspeakable attacks, we were reminded that the great strength of America is found in the hearts and souls of our citizens. We witnessed firefighters, police officers, other public safety officials, and ordinary Americans demonstrate extraordinary courage, risking their lives to save innocent victims. We saw our country united in compassion as Americans came together to provide relief and bring hope to others; and
- WHEREAS:** The mission that began on September 11, 2001, continues, and we are grateful for the service and sacrifice of the men and women of our Armed Forces who are taking the fight to our enemies and helping to keep us safe at home, and we honor those who have lost their lives defending our freedom, and we pray that God comforts their families; and
- WHEREAS:** The events of September 11, 2001, will always be a defining moment in our history, and we hold the victims and their families in our hearts, and we lift them up in our prayers; and
- WHEREAS:** The President of the United States and a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001, the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME
AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

ORDERED: That the State of Georgia recognize September 11, 2006, as Patriot Day whereupon I join the President of the United States of America in calling upon all Georgians to display the American Flag at half-staff from their homes on that day and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent Americans and people from around the world who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That on Patriot Day, September 11, 2006, the American Flag and the Flag of the Great State of Georgia be flown on all state buildings, throughout the state of Georgia, at half-staff until sunset.

THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.


GOVERNOR