



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### **FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF**

**WHEREAS:** Eight years ago, on a beautiful September morning, the citizens of our great nation were carrying on with their daily routines not knowing of the terror that would soon grip our country; and

**WHEREAS:** Time virtually stood still as we watched in horror as planes flew into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS:** As the towers crashed to the ground, we truly became "One Nation, Under God", as we prayed not only for the individuals whom had perished, but also for the families, friends, and loved ones of those who were taken from us that day; and

**WHEREAS:** It is imperative that we continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers the men and women of our armed forces who unselfishly serve our country in an effort to protect the United States of America and its citizens from future attacks; and

**WHEREAS:** To honor the memories of those who lost their lives and to memorialize this day in our nation's history, the United States Congress on December 18, 2001, passed by joint resolution Public Law 107-89 (36 U.S.C. § 144), which designates 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 on September 11, 2009, the American Flag and the Flag of the Great State of Georgia shall be flown on all state buildings and grounds, throughout the State of Georgia, at half-staff until sunset.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** All Georgians are called upon to display the American Flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses 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.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
GOVERNOR