



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS: NASA Mission Control has announced the loss of communication with the Space Shuttle Columbia at approximately 9 a.m. EST, Saturday, February 1, 2002, as it descended toward a landing at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida;

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has declared the Space Shuttle Columbia, carrying seven astronauts on board, to be lost;

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

ORDERED: In memory of Mission Commander Rick Husband, Pilot William McCool, Payload Commander Michael Anderson, Dr. Kalpana Chawla, Capt. David Brown, Dr. Laurel Blair Salton Clark, Col. Ilan Ramon, and in honor of their family and friends, the flags on all State buildings throughout the State of Georgia be lowered to half staff for a time to run concurrent with the declaration of the President of the United States.

This 1st day of February, 2003


GOVERNOR