



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS: Two years ago, more than 3,000 innocent people lost their lives when a calm September morning was shattered by terrorists driven by hatred and destruction; and

WHEREAS: On that day, and in its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims, in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others, in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met, and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness; and

WHEREAS: Since that day, we have seen the greatness of America further demonstrated in the courage of our brave men and women in uniform who have served and sacrificed in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and around the world to advance freedom and prevent terrorist attacks on America; and

WHEREAS: As we remember September 11, 2001, we reaffirm the vows made in the earliest hours of our grief and anger, that America will not tire, will not falter, and will not fail in fighting for the safety and security of the American people and a world free from terrorism; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States and a joint resolution of Congress have 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, 2003 as Patriot Day whereupon I join the President of the United States 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 victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on that day;

BE IT FURTHER

ORDERED That on Patriot Day, September 11, 2003, the flags on all state buildings throughout the State of Georgia be flown at half-staff until sunset.

This 8th day of September 2003


GOVERNOR