

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS:

Senior Trooper Michael R. Fortson honorably served the

citizens of Georgia for over 20 years with the Georgia

Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol; and

WHEREAS:

Mr. Fortson was an integral and valued member of the

Governor's Executive Security team: and

WHEREAS:

Mike's sense of humor, his love for his family and this state,

and his selfless service to Georgia will be sorely missed.

Now, therefore, in honor and as a mark of respect FOR THE MEMORY OF SENIOR TROOPER MICHAEL R. FORTSON, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED:

That the flags be flown at half-staff on the Governor's

Mansion and grounds on Monday, July 23, 2007, the day of

his interment, until sunset.

This **20** day of July, 2007.