



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDER LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

**WHEREAS:** On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008, the citizens of this great nation will once again join together in celebrating the courageous and dedicated servicemen and women who have answered the call to defend America's freedom; and

**WHEREAS:** We, a nation of proud Americans, pay tribute to the bravery and dedication of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in their efforts to protect, preserve, and defend the lives and rights of all the people of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS:** In addition to honoring the heroes of the past, this year we also pay special tribute to some of our fellow Georgians -- the soldiers, Marines, sailors, and airmen -- who have fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq during operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom; and

**WHEREAS:** As a thankful nation, we will forever be indebted to those who faithfully and honorably served, and unselfishly laid down their lives, to protect our unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATION, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That during the weekend immediately preceding Memorial Day, (May 24 and 25) the flag of the United States and the flag of this state shall be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:**

That on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008, in conjunction with the Proclamation of the President of the United States of America, the flag of the United States and the flag of this state shall be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds until noon.

This 22<sup>ND</sup> day of May, 2008.

  
GOVERNOR