



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

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

*"We come, not to mourn our dead soldiers, but to praise them."* – Francis A. Walker

**WHEREAS:** On Monday, May 26, 2014, Americans will join in unity to celebrate Memorial Day. A day designated to honor the memory of the men and women who served our great country with dedication, pride and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS:** As American citizens, it is our duty and privilege to pay tribute to those who have bravely and selflessly chosen to serve in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard; and

**WHEREAS:** On Memorial Day, it is proper and fitting to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, support those who lost loved ones, and pray for those who continue to serve; and

**WHEREAS:** As Georgians, we owe special recognition to 16 of our own who, since our last Memorial Day celebration, gave their lives while in service to our great nation. May God bless those we lost, comfort those who were left behind, and protect those who continue to serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 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 the great State of Georgia shall be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2014, in accordance with 36 USC § 174, the flag of the United States of America and the flag of the great State of Georgia shall be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds until noon, and then raised to the top of the staff.

This 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.



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GOVERNOR