



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

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

- WHEREAS:** On Friday, July 17, 2020, Georgia lost a true titan, Congressman John Robert Lewis – an American hero, civil rights icon, freedom fighter, and beloved Georgian – following his fierce battle with cancer; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout his life, John Lewis fought oppression, battled hatred, and stood against intolerance with integrity and iron resolve; and
- WHEREAS:** John Lewis placed the lives of his fellow Americans above his own – risking his all for the cause of freedom and equality; and
- WHEREAS:** As we mourn his death, we must honor his legacy by striving toward the principles he embodied to forge a stronger, brighter future for the generations of Georgians and Americans to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

- ORDERED:** That the flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of Georgia shall be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds from the date of this order through sunset on the day of his interment.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

  
GOVERNOR