



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**FLAGS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF AND AUTHORIZING
DR. CHRISTINE KING FARRIS TO LIE IN STATE IN THE GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL**

- WHEREAS:** On Thursday, June 29, 2023, Dr. Christine King Farris—a founding board member of the King Center, beloved educator, and civil rights leader—passed away at age 95; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. King Farris was a cherished member of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, a respected professor at Spelman College and educator of 64 years, and a source of inspiration for others to join the pursuit of justice in the face of discrimination; and
- WHEREAS:** The sister and last living sibling of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. King Farris was revered as a servant leader by all who were blessed to know her; and
- WHEREAS:** As the State of Georgia mourns her death, we also honor the remarkable legacy she leaves behind and the enduring impact she had on her loved ones, her generations of students, her community, our state, and the world beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF DR. CHRISTINE KING FARRIS, 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 the State Capitol building and grounds and throughout Fulton County from Friday, July 14, 2023, through sunset on Sunday, July 16, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That Dr. Christine King Farris shall lie in state in the Rotunda of the Georgia State Capitol on Friday, July 14, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

This 6th day of July 2023.

GOVERNOR