



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON ALL STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

- WHEREAS:** Staff Sergeant William Jerome Rivers, 46, of Carrollton, Georgia, honorably served our country in the United States Army Reserve; and
- WHEREAS:** Staff Sergeant Rivers and two other soldiers were tragically killed in a drone attack at a base in Jordan on January 28, 2024; and
- WHEREAS:** Staff Sergeant Rivers enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in August 2011 as an Interior Electrician, and earned many awards and decorations, including a Purple Heart; and
- WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize the sacrifices made by Staff Sergeant Rivers by lowering the flags on all State buildings and grounds to half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM JEROME RIVERS, 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 and the flag of the State of Georgia be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, the day of Staff Sergeant Rivers' interment.

This 9th day of February 2024.

GOVERNOR