



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**FLAGS ON STATE CAPITOL BUILDING AND IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY
ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF**

- WHEREAS:** Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., U.S. Army (retired), of Columbus, Georgia, honorably served our country in the United States Army; and
- WHEREAS:** Colonel Puckett was the last living person to receive the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Korean War; and
- WHEREAS:** Colonel Puckett was a decorated war hero having received two Distinguished Service Crosses, two Silver Stars, five Purple Hearts, and two Bronze Star Medals with the "V" device for valor; and
- WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize the service Colonel Puckett by lowering the flags on the State Capitol building and in Muscogee County to half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF COLONEL RALPH PUCKETT, JR., 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 the State Capitol building and in Muscogee County on Saturday, April 20, 2024, the day of the public ceremony to honor Colonel Puckett.

This 18th day of April 2024.


GOVERNOR