



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

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

**WHEREAS:** Deputy Brandon Ray Sikes, 31, with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, died in the line of duty on April 26, 2025; and

**WHEREAS:** With a heartfelt desire to make his community a safer place, Deputy Sikes served with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for more than six years; and

**WHEREAS:** Prior to his service with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sikes honorably served in the United States Army as a combat medic; and

**WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize Deputy Sikes' service to the citizens of Columbia County by lowering the flags on the State Capitol building and in Columbia County to half-staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE  
MEMORY OF DEPUTY BRANDON RAY SIKES, 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 Columbia County on Monday, May 5, 2025, the day of Deputy Sikes' interment, until sunset.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025.

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GOVERNOR