THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON ALL STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
ORDERED TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS: The Honorable Stephen S. Goss of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his career, Judge Goss honorably served the citizens of Georgia first as juvenile court judge of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, then as he served for 19 years as Superior Court Judge of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit until his 2018 appointment to the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Judge Goss was a leader in the formation of accountability courts having founded the Dougherty Superior Court Mental Health/Substance Abuse treatment program - the first felony mental health court in Georgia and one of the early felony programs in the United States. He was active in continuing education efforts serving as an active faculty member of the National Judicial College, as a member of the teaching faculty of the National Drug Court Institute, as senior consultant to the U.S. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration GAINS Center, and through his presentation of continuing education training in 32 states; and

WHEREAS: In addition to his judicial service, Judge Goss served his community through a number of civic boards and community service organizations; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to recognize Judge Goss’ service to citizens of the State of Georgia by lowering the flags on throughout Georgia to half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE STEPHEN S. GOSS, 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 Wednesday, August 28, 2019, the day of Judge Goss’ memorial.

This 26TH day of August, 2019.

[Signature of Governor]