



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

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

- WHEREAS:** On May 26, 2017, SPC Etienne J. Murphy succumbed to injuries he sustained while serving a tour of duty in Al-Hasakah, Syria; and
- WHEREAS:** SPC Etienne J. Murphy, 22, of Snellville, Georgia, honorably served our country as an infantryman assigned to Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment at Georgia's Hunter Army Airfield; and
- WHEREAS:** SPC Murphy's exceptional service to our country was evidenced by having earned the Parachutist Badge, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the NATO Medal and the Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with Campaign Star. He was posthumously awarded the Army Commendation Medal; and
- WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize the sacrifices made by SPC Etienne J. Murphy 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 SPC ETIENNE J. MURPHY, 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 Friday, June 9, 2017, until sunset.

This 8<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2017.

*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR