



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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

WHEREAS: Sixteen years ago, on September 11, 2001, our great nation was attacked by evil radical extremists that stole the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS: On this September 11 anniversary, it is our duty as citizens of the United States of America to honor and remember the lives of those who perished and to grieve with the families and friends of the loved ones left behind; and

WHEREAS: As we remember the events of September 11, 2001, we must commemorate the acts of bravery, courage, and compassion shown by our nation's first responders, firefighters, police officers, and by-standers who all came together to offer assistance during the wake of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS: We must also salute the patriotism of our men and women of the armed forces, stationed around the world, who relentlessly defend the United States of America and protect us, as citizens, against future attacks; and

WHEREAS: To honor the memories of those who lost their lives and memorialize this day, the United States Congress passed by joint resolution, on December 18, 2001, Public Law 107-89 designating September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN
ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

ORDERED: That the State of Georgia recognize Monday, September 11, 2017, as Patriot Day by flying the American Flag and the flag of the State of Georgia at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds. I also encourage all Georgians to display both flags at half-staff from their homes and businesses.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all Georgians are called upon to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor and remember the innocent lives lost, to pray for the victims' families and loved ones, and to salute the brave men and women who continue to protect our freedom.

This 8th day of September, 2017.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR