



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### FLAGS ON STATE CAPITOL BUILDING AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

**WHEREAS:** Georgia can boast of its native son, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Baptist minister, founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and a man who inspired our nation with his dream of hope, justice, and human rights. His legacy is a true point of pride for our state; and

**WHEREAS:** Dreamers often have many ideas, but may come up short on results. That cannot be said of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who had perhaps the most famous dream in the history of our great nation. We must admire the audacity of a man who risked and ultimately lost his life on April 4, 1968, because he would not sacrifice his dream; and

**WHEREAS:** On Monday, April 9, 2018, in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we band together to stand, pray, and “March for Humanity” in an effort to, as Dr. King said, “transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND IN SUPPORT OF THE “MARCH FOR HUMANITY”, 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 Great State of Georgia shall be flown at half-staff on the State Capitol building and grounds on Monday, April 9, 2018, in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and in support of the “March for Humanity.”

This 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

GOVERNOR