



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS IN PIKE COUNTY, GEORGIA ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

- WHEREAS:** Lt. Robert Eugene Oxford of Concord, Georgia, honorably served the United States of America during World War II; and
- WHEREAS:** On January 25, 1944, Lt. Oxford, a member of the 425 Bomb Squadron, 308th Bomb Group, 14th Air Force, and seven other men paid the ultimate sacrifice when the plane they were flying on crashed in India; and
- WHEREAS:** After more than 70 years, the body of Lt. Oxford was finally returned to U.S. soil on April 14, 2016; and
- WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize the sacrifice made by Lt. Robert Eugene Oxford by lowering flags to half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF LT. ROBERT EUGENE OXFORD, 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 in Pike County, Georgia on Sunday, June 11, 2017, the day of Lt. Oxford's interment, until sunset.

This 9TH day of June, 2017.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR