



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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

WHEREAS: Fourteen years ago on September 11, 2001, 17 individuals attempted to alter the course of our great nation. Their cowardly attack, uniquely barbaric and hostile to all mankind, claimed the lives of 2,977 men, women, and children. On this anniversary, we the citizens of the United States of America honor and remember those lost, and grieve alongside the loved ones they left behind; and

WHEREAS: The 9/11 attacks targeted the God-given rights of those 2,977 people, the inalienable rights enshrined in our very Declaration of Independence: the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, police officers, firefighters, and first responders set a powerful precedent, reacting to the tragedy and in defiance of evil with courage, resolve, and love. It is this precedent which the citizens of the United States of America must reaffirm with every passing year, lest the attackers succeed in altering our American way of life at the expense of our lives, liberties, and happiness; and

WHEREAS: For their innocent sacrifice, we owe those 2,977 men, women, and children a time of reflection and honor. We owe their loved ones our thoughts and prayers. We owe their children, grandchildren, and fellow citizens a United States of America committed to securing the lives and rights of its people in the face of those who would eviscerate our way of life. We owe them courage, resolve, love, and a day of honor and remembrance. To this end, the United States Congress passed Public Law 107-89, designating September 11 of every year "Patriot Day," and by Public Law 111-13, requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance."

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 Friday, September 11, 2015, as Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance by flying the flag of the United States of America and the flag of the great state of Georgia at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds. I also encourage all Georgians to display these 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 the innocent lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

This 9th day of September, 2015.



GOVERNOR