



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS: It has been 11 years since people from around the world witnessed tragedy unfold as terrorists unleashed a cowardly attack on the United States of America. Although the wounds may have healed, the scars will always remain; and

WHEREAS: As a nation, it is imperative that we remember the events of the morning of September 11, 2001. We should commemorate not only the lives we lost, but also the acts of bravery, courage and compassion shown by first responders, firefighters, police officers and by-standers who offered assistance during the wake of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS: During this time of reflection, we should offer up our thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of those who lost loved ones and to the men and women of our armed forces who continue to defend the United States of America and protect all its citizens against the threat of future attacks; and

WHEREAS: To honor the memories of those who lost their lives and memorialize this day in our nation's history, the United States Congress on December 18, 2001, passed by joint resolution Public Law 107-89 (36 U.S.C. § 144), which designates September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day," and by Public Law 111-13, approved April 21, 2009, the Congress has 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 Tuesday, September 11, 2012, as Patriot Day by flying the American Flag and the flag of the Great State of Georgia at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds. I encourage all Georgians to display the American Flag and the flag of the State of Georgia at half-staff from their homes.

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 10 day of September, 2012.



GOVERNOR