



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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

WHEREAS: On Thursday, December 8, 2016, Georgia Southwestern State University Public Safety Officer Jody Smith succumbed to injuries sustained while providing backup for Officer Nicholas Smarr who was also fatally injured while responding to a domestic call on December 7; and

WHEREAS: Officer Smith was committed to public safety having previously served as an officer with the Plains Police Department and as a deputy with the Sumter County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to recognize the sacrifice made by Officer Smith, and to remember all our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line each and every day as they uphold their commitment to protect the communities and people they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF OFFICER JODY SMITH, 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 flag of the Great State of Georgia be flown at half-staff on the State Capitol building and grounds until sunset, Wednesday, December 14, 2016, the day of Officer Smith's interment.

This 13TH day of December, 2016.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR