

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2021-39

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., President *Pro Tempore Emeritus* of the South Carolina Senate and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to and contemporaneous with his distinguished service as a member of the South Carolina Senate for over forty years, Senator Leatherman also served on numerous statewide boards, commissions, and committees, including the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, and he previously served with honor and distinction as President *Pro Tempore* of the South Carolina Senate; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service as a member of, and leader in, the South Carolina Senate, Senator Leatherman previously served the State of South Carolina in various other state and local capacities, including as a member of the Board of Trustees of Francis Marion University and as a member of Quinby Town Council; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in public office, Senator Leatherman was a powerful force for progress and the prosperity of South Carolina and her people, and he regularly and reliably exhibited bold and decisive leadership on a variety of important issues and causes; and

WHEREAS, for over fifty years, Senator Leatherman poured his life into the State, and South Carolina is the better for it; and

WHEREAS, Senator Leatherman was a respected leader, dedicated public servant, tireless advocate for his causes and constituents, devoted father and family man, and consummate statesman who will forever serve as an inspiration to all South Carolinians, and his passing warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of service to the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Title 4, Section 7(m) of the United States Code, as amended, provides that “[i]n the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, . . . the Governor of that State . . . may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff”; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that “the flags which are flown atop the State Capitol Building must be lowered to half-staff on the day on which funeral services are conducted for . . . current members of the South Carolina General Assembly”; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws further provides that “upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature, the Governor may order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff at a designated time or for a designated period of time.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and of these United States and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order that the flags atop the State Capitol be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Friday, November 19, 2021, in honor of Senator Leatherman and in recognition of his extraordinary legacy of selfless statesmanship and his lifetime of distinguished service to the State of South Carolina. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 15th DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2021.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State