

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.**

**2023-04**

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Arthur Ravenel, Jr., who previously served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, South Carolina Senate, and United States House of Representatives, representing the State’s First Congressional District; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his dutiful service as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, South Carolina Senate, and United States House of Representatives, Arthur Ravenel, Jr. previously served the State of South Carolina as a member of the Board of Directors of the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Charleston County School District, and in various other state and local capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his distinguished public service, Arthur Ravenel, Jr. served honorably in the United States Marine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur Ravenel, Jr. was a dedicated public servant, principled leader, tireless advocate for his State and his constituents, avid environmentalist, successful businessman, proud son of the Lowcountry, and devoted father and family man, 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 the United States of America; 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(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides 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” “[t]o honor and pay tribute to . . . current and past members of the United States Congress from the State of South Carolina.”

**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, January 20, 2023, in honor of Arthur Ravenel, Jr. and in recognition of his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 19th DAY OF  
JANUARY, 2023.**

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**HENRY MCMASTER**  
Governor

ATTEST:

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**MARK HAMMOND**  
Secretary of State