

Executive Order No. 2018-52

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Investigator Farrah B. Turner of the Florence County Sheriff's Office, who dutifully served as a law enforcement officer in this State and died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Turner dedicated her life to protecting and serving the people of the State of South Carolina and the residents of Florence County, and her loss warrants the people of this State appropriately recognizing her distinguished service and honoring her supreme sacrifice; 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 first responder working in any State, territory, or possession who dies while serving in the line of duty, the Governor of that State, territory, or possession may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff"; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-470 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor, on the day of burial or other service for any law enforcement officer in this State who died in the line of duty, to order that all flags on state buildings be lowered to half-staff in tribute to the deceased law enforcement officer and to request that flags over the buildings of the political subdivisions of this State similarly be flown at half-staff for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161(E) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to 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 upon the occurrence of an extraordinary event resulting in death or upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature.

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 all flags on state buildings be lowered to half-staff from sunrise on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, until sunset on the day of Investigator Turner's funeral in tribute to Investigator Turner and in honor of her selfless service, remarkable bravery, and supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. I request that all flags over the buildings of the political subdivisions of this State similarly be flown at half-staff for this purpose. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 23rd DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**