## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-26

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Corporal Sara K. Weaver of Florence County Emergency Medical Services, who dutifully served as a first responder in this State and died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Weaver dedicated her life to 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 undersigned, on the day of burial or other service for any firefighter or 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 firefighter or 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.

**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 until sunset on Saturday, August 13, 2022, in tribute to Corporal Weaver and in honor of her selfless service, remarkable bravery, and supreme sacrifice in the line

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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 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.**

**HENRY MCMASTER** Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND

Secretary of State