

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2023-20

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Specialist Jayson Reed Haven, South Carolina National Guard, who lost his life on May 25, 2023, in a non-combat-related incident, while dutifully serving in support of Operation Spartan Shield; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Haven, a South Carolina native, dedicated his life to serving the State of South Carolina and the United States of America and defending freedom, and his loss warrants the people of this State appropriately recognizing and honoring his distinguished service and 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 member of the Armed Forces from any State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty, . . . the Governor of that State, territory, or possession 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, similarly 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 for . . . members of the United States military services who were residents of South Carolina and who lost their lives in the line of duty while in combat”; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws further states that “[u]pon the occurrence of an extraordinary event resulting in death or 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 that the flags atop the State Capitol be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in tribute to

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Specialist Haven and in honor of his distinguished service and supreme sacrifice. I request that the flags over state buildings and 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 13th DAY OF
JUNE, 2023.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State