

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2023-28

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Senator John L. Scott, Jr., who served as a member of the South Carolina Senate from 2009 until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dutiful service as a member of the South Carolina Senate, Senator Scott previously served the State of South Carolina as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and in various other state and local capacities; and

WHEREAS, Senator Scott was a charismatic leader, dedicated public servant, tireless advocate for his causes and constituents, successful businessman, 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

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

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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 Saturday, August 19, 2023, in honor of Senator Scott and in recognition of his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of 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 17th DAY OF
AUGUST, 2023.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State