

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2024-14

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Judge Michael S. Holt, who dutifully served as a Circuit Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of South Carolina from 2021 until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his distinguished tenure as a Circuit Court Judge, Judge Holt previously served the State of South Carolina as a Family Court Judge, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, and in various other state and local capacities; and

WHEREAS, Judge Holt was a dedicated public servant, respected jurist, principled leader, 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(E) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, 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 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 Sunday, August 4, 2024, in honor of Judge Holt

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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 2nd DAY OF
AUGUST, 2024.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State