

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2024-31

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Jr., who previously served as president of the South Carolina State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) and in various state and local capacities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his distinguished tenures leading the NAACP at both the state and local levels, Dr. Randolph previously served the State of South Carolina as chairman of the South Carolina Commission on Consumer Affairs, a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and an optometrist providing care not only to private clients but also to schoolchildren and patients at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and the South Carolina Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Randolph was a beloved husband and family man, charismatic leader, tireless community and civil rights advocate, dedicated public servant, and passionate philanthropist, 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 Friday, November 1, 2024, in honor of Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Jr. 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 31st DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2024.**

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State