

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2024-32

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Dr. Barbara Nielsen, who previously served the State of South Carolina as Superintendent of Education from 1991 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her distinguished service as Superintendent of Education, Dr. Barbara Nielsen previously served the State of South Carolina as an educator, administrator, Chair of the South Carolina Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force, and in various other state and local capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barbara Nielsen was a passionate and pioneering educator, inspirational leader, dedicated public servant, and beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, and her passing warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring her 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, November 3, 2024, in honor of Dr.

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Barbara Nielsen and in recognition of her 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