

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.**

**2024-36**

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of former President James (“Jimmy”) Earl Carter, Jr., who dutifully served as the thirty-ninth President of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his service as President of the United States, President Carter previously served as Governor of the State of Georgia and as a member of the Georgia Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his distinguished public service, President Carter served honorably in the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as President of the United States, President Carter zealously advocated for and advanced a variety of significant education- and energy-related initiatives and successfully championed legislative efforts designed to enhance environmental protection and the conservation of critical natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, even after leaving elected office, President Carter continued to contribute his time and energy in selfless service to the public, passionately advocating for and effectively advancing a host of charitable and humanitarian initiatives and quietly but consistently demonstrating his characteristic but uncommon combination of compassion, integrity, and humility in all such endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, in tribute to the memory of President Carter, and as an expression of public sorrow, the President of the United States of America has issued a Proclamation directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff at the White House and on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions for a period of thirty days from the day of President Carter’s death and appointing January 9, 2025, as a National Day of Mourning throughout the United States and calling on the American people to assemble on that day in their respective places of worship to pay homage to the memory of President Carter; and

**WHEREAS**, President Carter was a remarkable man, honorable and inspirational leader, dedicated public servant, selfless humanitarian, and devoted husband, father, and family man, and his passing warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of distinguished service to the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 4, Section 7(m) of the United States Code, as amended, provides that “[t]he flag shall be flown at half-staff 30 days from the death of the President or a former President”; and

**WHEREAS**, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to order that the flags atop the State Capitol be lowered to half-staff for a designated period of time upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature, for a period of thirty days from the date of death of a former President, and for the same designated time when an act of the United States Congress or a presidential order is issued to lower flags to half-staff over federal buildings.

**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 and on all state buildings be lowered to half-staff until January 28, 2025, in tribute to President Carter’s extraordinary legacy as a humanitarian and his lifetime of distinguished and patriotic service to the United States of America. I request that all flags over the buildings of the political subdivisions of this State similarly be flown at half-staff for this purpose. As a mark of respect to President Carter, I further direct that January 9, 2025, shall be designated as a Day of Remembrance throughout the State of South Carolina, and I encourage all South Carolinians to reflect upon and honor the life and legacy of President Carter. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 30th DAY OF  
DECEMBER, 2024.**

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**HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER**  
Governor

ATTEST:

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MARK HAMMOND  
Secretary of State