EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-15

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of John J. "Bubber" Snow, III, who previously served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dutiful service as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives—where he also served as chairman of the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee and successfully advocated for designation of the shag as the official dance of the State and beach music as the official popular music of the State—Bubber Snow previously served the State of South Carolina in various other state and local capacities; and

WHEREAS, prior to his distinguished public service, Bubber Snow served honorably in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Bubber Snow was a dedicated public servant, charismatic leader, passionate advocate for preserving the State's music and dance culture, successful farmer and 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(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."

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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, April 6, 2025, in honor of Bubber Snow 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 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND Secretary of State