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SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-25

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Alexander M. Sanders, Jr., who previously served the State of South Carolina as the first chief judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dutiful service to the South Carolina Judicial Branch, Alex Sanders previously served the State of South Carolina as a member of the South Carolina Senate and, before that, the South Carolina House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Alex Sanders faithfully served as the nineteenth president of the College of Charleston, where he taught law classes and was beloved by the student body; and

WHEREAS, as a tireless advocate for South Carolina's natural beauty, Alex Sanders during his time in South Carolina's General Assembly helped preserve the tract that would become Congaree National Park and also laid the groundwork for Columbia's Riverbanks Zoo as president of the Riverbanks Society; and

WHEREAS, Alex Sanders was a tireless public servant, a principled leader, and a devoted father, grandfather, 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 "[u]pon 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 Thursday, November 5, 2026, in honor of Alexander M. Sanders, 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 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
Governor

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State