Executive Order No. 2018-07

WHEREAS, I have been notified of the passing of Specialist Javion S. Sullivan, United States Army, who lost his life on January 8, 2018, in Anbar Province, Iraq, while dutifully serving in support of Operation Inherent Resolve; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Sullivan, a South Carolina native, dedicated his life to serving his country, fighting terrorism, and defending freedom, and his loss warrants the people of this State appropriately recognizing and honoring his distinguished service and supreme sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that for a period before and through the day on which funeral services are conducted for members of the United States military services who were residents of South Carolina and who lost their lives in the line of duty while in combat, the flags which are flown atop the State Capitol Building must be lowered to half-staff.

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 the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby Order that the flags which are flown atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff until sundown on Friday, January 26, 2018, in tribute to Specialist Sullivan and in honor of his distinguished service and supreme sacrifice. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.

HENRY MCMASTER Governor