



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON ALL STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF

WHEREAS: Today we celebrate the life of the late James E. “Jimmy” Carter, Jr., former Governor of Georgia, and President of the United States from 1977 to 1981; and

WHEREAS: A man from humble roots, Jimmy Carter was born in Plains, Georgia, as the oldest sibling of three children to James and Bessie Carter, owners of a local peanut farm, warehouse, and store in the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS: As a young man, Jimmy Carter was admitted to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where he excelled academically and eventually earned his bachelor’s degree. He subsequently served seven years as a naval officer, rising to the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS: After his father’s death, Carter resigned his commission as an officer in the armed forces to return to his childhood home and manage the family business, becoming a successful peanut farmer in South Georgia and well-respected member of his community and church; and

WHEREAS: His desire to serve others and love of politics inspired Jimmy Carter to successfully run for state office as a two-term Georgia State Senator; and

WHEREAS: On January 12, 1971, Jimmy Carter was sworn in as the 76th Governor of the state of Georgia. During his gubernatorial tenure, Carter was a fierce advocate for civil rights, education reform, and more efficient government processes; and

WHEREAS: As the first Georgia native to ever serve in the nation's highest political office, Jimmy Carter became the 39th President of the United States on January 20, 1977; and

WHEREAS: In 1982, Jimmy Carter opened the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia to advance international human rights, promote democracy, and improve health; and

WHEREAS: Across the globe, former President Jimmy Carter is widely respected for his work in human rights and health education in developing countries, and he was awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his efforts as a world-renowned humanitarian and philanthropist; and

WHEREAS: On this day, December 29, 2024, the date of his death, we honor the memory of Georgia native, Jimmy Carter, as a revered community activist, veteran, statesman, author, former Governor of Georgia, and former President of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JIMMY CARTER, AND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That, pursuant to 4 U.S.C. Chapter 1, Section 7, subsection (m), the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Georgia should be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds for thirty days from December 29, 2024, the day of his death, until sunset on January 28, 2025.

This 29th day of December 2024.



GOVERNOR