



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

WHEREAS: A decade has passed since people from around the world witnessed tragedy unfold as terrorists unleashed a cowardly attack on the United States of America. Although the wounds may have healed, the scars will always remain; and

WHEREAS: As a nation, it is imperative that we remember the events of the morning of September 11, 2001. We should commemorate not only the lives we lost, but also the acts of bravery, courage and compassion shown by first responders, firefighters, police officers and by-standers who offered assistance during the wake of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS: During this time of reflection, we should offer up our thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of those who lost loved ones and to the men and women of our armed forces who continue to defend the United States of America and protect all its citizens against the threat of future attacks; and

WHEREAS: To honor the memories of those who lost their lives and memorialize this day in our nation's history, the United States Congress on December 18, 2001, passed by joint resolution Public Law 107-89 (36 U.S.C. § 144), which designates September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED
IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS
HEREBY**

ORDERED: That beginning on Friday, September 9 and continuing through sunset on Sunday, September 11, 2011, the American Flag and the Flag of the Great State of Georgia shall be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all Georgians are called upon to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

This 7 day of September, 2011.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR