

Executive Order No. 2017-41

WHEREAS, I have been notified of the passing of Corporal James Eric Chapman of the Johnston Police Department, who dutifully served as a law enforcement officer in this State and died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Chapman dedicated his life to protecting and serving the citizens of the United States and the people of the State of South Carolina, both in the United States Marine Corps and with the Johnston Police Department; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-470 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor, on the day of burial or other service for any firefighter or law enforcement officer in this State who died in the line of duty, to order that all flags on state buildings be lowered to half-staff in tribute to the deceased firefighter or law enforcement officer and to request that flags over the buildings of the political subdivisions of this State similarly be flown at half-staff for this purpose.

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 all flags on state buildings be lowered to half-staff from sunup to sundown on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, in tribute to Corporal Chapman, who died in the line of duty. I request that all flags over the buildings of the political subdivisions of this State similarly be flown at half-staff for this purpose. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 12th DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2017.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**