

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2023-08

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of John C. Hayes, III, who previously served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, a member of the South Carolina Senate, and a Circuit Court Judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dutiful service as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, a member of the South Carolina Senate, and a Circuit Court Judge, John C. Hayes, III previously served the State of South Carolina as a member and chairman of the South Carolina Coastal Council and in various other state and local capacities; and

WHEREAS, prior to his accomplished legal career and distinguished public service, John C. Hayes, III served honorably in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, John C. Hayes, III was a dedicated public servant, respected jurist, principled leader, tireless advocate for his State and his constituents, and devoted father 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 “upon 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.”

April 15, 2023

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 Sunday, April 16, 2023, in honor of John C. Hayes, III 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 15th DAY OF
APRIL, 2023.**

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State