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## Shooting Of Walter Scott

In April 2015, Walter Scott, a 50 year old black man, was stopped by a white North Charleston police officer for having a broken taillight. Mr. Scott began to run from the officer, who shot him repeatedly in the back, tragically ending his life. A courageous young man captured the unspeakable horror of the shooting on video, he shared that video with the world, and the police officer was swiftly held accountable for an evil breach of the public trust.

When similar incidents unfolded over the last two years - in New York City, Baltimore and Ferguson - involving white police officers and unarmed black victims, there were riots, violence and unrest. But in South Carolina, under the leadership of Governor Haley, events unfolded differently.

The state came together – white and black, Democrat and Republican - and communicated constantly with religious leaders, with political leaders, with community leaders. Everyone saw the need for justice and immediately brought charges against the offending officer. But the state didn't stop there.

Two months, to the day, after the shooting of Walter Scott, the Republican-controlled General Assembly passed a body camera bill. A few days later, Mr. Scott's family stood with the governor when she signed the bill into law.

South Carolina became the first state in the country to approve statewide body cameras for police.

[Gov. Haley Signs S.47 Body Worn Cameras Bill](#)

The Associated Press: [Haley signs body camera legislation in North Charleston](#)

The Post and Courier: [Haley signs police body camera bill in Walter Scott's hometown](#)

## Mother Emanuel

In the wake of the murder of nine members of Charleston's Mother Emanuel AME Church Bible study, Governor Haley led South Carolina through grief and into an ongoing process of healing. Her leadership amid tragedy has been recognized across the country.

Governor Haley was in direct contact with South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel, local law enforcement and lawmakers as events unfolded Wednesday night and into Thursday morning. The governor arrived in Charleston early Thursday morning, visiting the law enforcement/first responder command center, less than two blocks from Mother Emanuel. Shortly after being briefed by law enforcement and meeting with local officials and community leaders, the governor joined law enforcement officials to announce the capture of the suspect. Later, the governor attended the Morris Brown AME church's prayer vigil.

As the state grappled with what happened in that Wednesday night Bible study, the governor urged those in the Charleston community and across the state to lift up those families and celebrate the lives of the victims. She attended each funeral, met the families and heard their stories. As she frequently says, she had the privilege to get to know nine amazing souls.

Every opportunity she has, the governor mentions the Emanuel 12 – reminding everyone of those nine soul taken too soon and the three survivors who live with the memory of that night.

[Gov. Haley announces the arrest of Dylan Roof](#)

The Post and Courier: [Grieving Gov. Nikki Haley forever changed by church massacre](#)

WIS: [South Carolina Comes Together](#)

## Confederate Flag

Governor Haley arrived at the decision that the flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds by Saturday after discussing it with her husband Michael, a decision driven by what she saw and heard from Mother Emanuel families and South Carolinians from every walk of life. Beginning Sunday, her office reached out to federal, state and local leaders, asking them to meet with the governor Monday, at which time she told them of her decision and asked them to stand with her at an afternoon news conference.

On Monday, the governor's meetings began at 10 AM. She met with: Republican elected officials, including statewide constitutional officers and members legislative leadership, and the state party chairman; Democratic elected officials, including members of the General Assembly and the state party chairman; business, civic and community leaders, black and white; and, finally, with members of South Carolina's congressional delegation.

During the meetings, she asked attendees to stand with her during an afternoon news conference at which she would call for the Confederate battle flag to be removed from the Statehouse grounds. She told those willing to stand with her that she'd be forever grateful; she told those who weren't comfortable with attending the news conference that she'd never hold it against them.

During a 4:00 PM event held in the lobby of the Statehouse in between the Senate and House chambers, the governor delivered remarks in which she reflected on what South Carolinians had suffered and seen over the previous five days and called for the flag's removal. The governor was surrounded by elected officials from across South Carolina – Republican and Democrat, black and white, longtime flag opponents and one-time flag defenders – as reporters from across the country and members of the public packed the Statehouse lobby.

#### [Gov. Haley calls for the removal of the Confederate flag](#)

Transcript: [Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina on Removing the Confederate Flag](#)

The State: [Haley calls for Confederate flag's removal](#)

The Post and Courier: [Gov. Nikki Haley joins call to remove Confederate flag](#)

The Washington Post: [Nikki Haley went from tea party star to a leader of the New South](#)

The New York Times: [South Carolina Governor Points to Personal Reasons, Not Politics, for Shift on Confederate Flag](#)

The S.C. Senate, mourning the slaying of one of its members at Mother Emanuel, convened on Monday, July 6, 2015 to debate the removal of the Confederate flag. By Tuesday morning, Senators had overwhelmingly voted in favor of the flag's removal, sending the bill to the House. The House began debating the flag's removal on Wednesday, July 8. When House members appeared to be gridlocked over key provisions of removing the flag and its pole, Governor Haley visited a private meeting of the House Republican Caucus on Wednesday afternoon. In a personal appeal to Republican lawmakers, the governor urged them to come together, vote for removal of the flag and its pole (to close the door on potential efforts to raise a flag in the future) and move South Carolina forward. The House debated the issue until early Thursday morning before finally voting in favor of removing the flag and retiring it to a place of honor at the State Museum.

The Associated Press: [SC Senate gives final OK to Confederate flag removal](#)

The Wall Street Journal: [South Carolina Senate Votes to Remove Confederate Flag](#)

The State: [Pressure building in final days of Confederate flag debate](#)

The Associated Press: [South Carolina House Opens Debate Over Confederate Flag](#)

The Post and Courier: [A closer look at Rep. Mike Pitts, the face of the effort to keep the flag at the Statehouse](#)

The Post and Courier: ['New day in South Carolina': House votes to take down Confederate flag](#)

The Greenville News: [House votes to take down the Confederate flag](#)

The State: [Gov. Haley to hold bill signing ceremony Thursday afternoon](#)

The governor signed the bill removing the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds on Thursday, July 9, 2016, in a ceremony attended by three of her predecessors and families of those who died at Mother Emanuel.

#### [Governor Nikki Haley Signs Bill to Remove Confederate Flag from SC Statehouse](#)

The Post and Courier: [Gov. Nikki Haley signs bill, Confederate flag to come down](#)

The State: [Haley signs bill to remove Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds](#)

The New York Times: [South Carolina Settles Its Decades-Old Dispute Over a Confederate Flag](#)

On Friday morning, more than 10,000 people gathered at the Statehouse grounds to witness an honor guard from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety lower the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds for the final time. The governor and Michael Haley watched the ceremony from the Statehouse steps where they were joined by former governors, Elder Norvill Goff, who was serving as interim pastor at Mother Emanuel in the wake of its pastor's murder, Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, Mother Emanuel families.

C-Span: [South Carolina Flag Removal Ceremony](#)

Today: [South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley Talks Confederate Flag Removal](#)

CNN: [Gov. Nikki Haley on the removal of the Confederate Flag](#)

The State: [Confederate flag lowered at the SC State House for last time](#)

The Post and Courier: [Thousands witness to end of an era as Confederate flag comes down in South Carolina](#)

National Press Club: [Governor Nikki Haley speaks at the National Press Club](#)

FULL TEXT: [Gov. Haley's National Press Club Remarks](#)

C-Span: [Republican Address Following the State of the Union](#)

FULL TEXT: [Gov. Haley's Republican Address](#)

ETV: [State of the State 2016](#)

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