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Pursuant to Section 10-1-161, the flag for the death of a member of the General Assembly will be lowered to half-staff on the day on which funeral services are conducted.

SECTION 10-1-161. State Capitol Building flags flown at half-staff.

(A) On Memorial Day the flags, which are flown atop the State Capitol Building, must be displayed at half-staff until noon, then raised to the top of the staff.

(B) To honor and pay tribute to the following public officials and individuals, the flags which are flown atop the State Capitol Building must be lowered to half-staff on the day on which funeral services are conducted for these public officials and individuals:

(1) current and past members of the United States Congress from the State of South Carolina;

(2) current constitutional officers of the State of South Carolina;

(3) former Governors and Lieutenant Governors of the State of South Carolina;

(4) current members of the South Carolina General Assembly;

(5) current members of the South Carolina Supreme Court;

(6) current and former Presidents of the United States; and

(7) members of the United States military services who were residents of South Carolina and who lost their lives in the line of duty while in combat.

(C) As contained in this section, "half-staff" means the position of the flag when it is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

(D) The flags atop the State Capitol Building must be flown at half-staff for a period of thirty days from the date of death of the President or a former President; for a period of ten days from the date of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice, or a retired Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, or the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; for a period of five days before the day of the funeral through the date of the funeral for members of the United States military services who were residents of South Carolina and who lost their lives in the line of duty while in combat, for which the Division of Veterans' Affairs must notify the Office of the Governor of the scheduled funeral date; and from the date of death through the date of interment of an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, or a secretary of a federal executive or military department, or a former Vice President.

(E) Upon the occurrence of an extraordinary event resulting in death or 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.

(F) The Governor may order the flags atop the State Capitol Building to be lowered to half-staff for the same designated time when an act of the United States Congress or a presidential order is issued to lower flags to half-staff over federal buildings.

(G) The flags atop the State Capitol Building, when flown at half-staff must first be hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flags must be again raised to the peak before they are lowered for the day.

(H)(1) On any day where flags atop the State Capitol Building are flown at half-staff to honor and pay tribute to more than one individual listed in subsections (B) or (D), the flags must be hoisted and lowered pursuant to subsection (G) as many times as there are

individuals to honor and pay tribute to that day.

(2) On any day where flags atop the State Capitol Building are flown at half-staff, the Governor shall, on a conspicuous place on the website maintained by the Governor, identify the person or persons to which such honor and tribute is being paid until the day of the funeral.

HISTORY: 2002 Act No. 226, Section 1; 2004 Act No. 207, Section 1; 2006 Act No. 262, Section 1; 2013 Act No. 27, Section 1, eff May 17, 2013.