

Executive Order No. 2018-11

WHEREAS, I have been notified of the passing of Reverend Billy Graham, affectionately known as “America’s pastor,” who dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel, counseling our Nation’s leaders, and ministering to millions of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, as a mark of respect for the memory of Reverend Graham, the President of the United States of America has issued a Proclamation ordering that, on the day of Reverend Graham’s internment, the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset on such day; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Reverend Graham warrants the people of this State further recognizing the day of his internment and appropriately honoring his legacy and lifetime of extraordinary service; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, authorizes the Governor to order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff upon the death of a person of extraordinary stature or 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.

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 Building be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Friday, March 2, 2018, in honor of Reverend Graham and in recognition of his legacy and lifetime of extraordinary service. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY,
2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**