

**Executive Order No. 2018-17**

**WHEREAS**, I have been notified of the passing of Deputy James L. Kirk, Jr. of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, who dutifully served as a law enforcement officer in this State and died in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Kirk dedicated his life to protecting and serving the people of the State of South Carolina and the residents of Lancaster County, both with the Lancaster Police Department and with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; 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 sunrise until sunset on Monday, April 30, 2018, in tribute to Deputy Kirk, 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 30th DAY OF  
APRIL, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**