

Executive Order No. 2019-10

WHEREAS, I have been notified of the passing of Billy C. Coleman; and

WHEREAS, Billy C. Coleman dutifully served the State of South Carolina as a member of the South Carolina Senate and in various local capacities, including as Saluda County Attorney and Saluda County Veterans Affairs Officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Billy C. Coleman resigned his seat in the South Carolina Senate to serve in the United States Navy during World War II, where he served with distinction and commanded twenty-seven landing boats as part of several key invasions, including the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944; and

WHEREAS, prior to his recent passing, Billy C. Coleman was reported to be the State of South Carolina's oldest living World War II veteran; and

WHEREAS, Billy C. Coleman was a dedicated public servant, devoted lawyer, tireless community advocate, revered son of Saluda County, proud World War II veteran, and beloved father and family man, and his passing warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of distinguished service to the State of South Carolina; 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."

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 8, 2019, in honor of Billy C. Coleman and in recognition of his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of distinguished 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 7th DAY OF MARCH,
2019.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**