

**Executive Order No. 2020-46**

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has been notified of the passing of Major General (Retired) Stanhope S. Spears, Sr., who dutifully served as Adjutant General of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his distinguished and patriotic public service as Adjutant General of South Carolina for sixteen years, General Spears served with honor and distinction in the South Carolina National Guard for a total of fifty-one years, during which time he held various command posts and received numerous decorations and awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Defense Meritorious Medal, State Longevity Ribbon, Safety Ribbon, Retired Medal, Secretary of Defense Medal, and Secretary of the Army Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, General Spears was a dedicated public servant, principled leader, and decorated soldier, and his passing warrants the people of this State further recognizing and appropriately honoring his extraordinary legacy and lifetime of service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 4, Section 7(m) of the United States Code, as amended, provides that “[i]n the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State, . . . the Governor of that State . . . may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff”; 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, July 17, 2020, in honor of General Spears and in recognition of his extraordinary legacy and his distinguished service to the State of South Carolina and the United States of America. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA, THIS 16th DAY OF JULY,  
2020.**

**HENRY MCMASTER  
Governor**