



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**FLAGS ON STATE CAPITOL BUILDING AND IN HOUSTON COUNTY
ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF**

WHEREAS: Sheriff Henry Cullen Talton, Jr. with the Houston County Sheriff's Office passed away on Saturday, October 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Sheriff Talton was the longest-tenured sheriff in America; and

WHEREAS: Sheriff Talton was first elected as Houston County Sheriff in 1972, and was committed to serving and protecting the people of his community for nearly 52 years; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to recognize Sheriff Talton's service to Houston County and the State of Georgia by lowering the flags on the State Capitol building and in Houston County to half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF SHERIFF HENRY CULLEN TALTON, JR., PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Georgia be flown at half-staff on the State Capitol building and in Houston County on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, the day of Sheriff Talton's interment, until sunset.

This 21st day of October 2024.

GOVERNOR