



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON ALL STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF

- WHEREAS:** Staff Sergeant Ryan Austin O'Hara, U.S. Army, of Lilburn, Georgia, honorably served our country in the United States Army as a UH-60 Blackhawk Crew Chief and Non-Rated Flight Instructor; and
- WHEREAS:** Staff Sergeant O'Hara paid the ultimate sacrifice during a routine training mission while performing crew duties when his UH-60 Blackhawk crew crashed, and there were tragically no survivors; and
- WHEREAS:** Staff Sergeant O'Hara enlisted in the Army in 2013 as a UH-60 Helicopter Repairer (15T), and had previously deployed to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve and to Afghanistan in support of Operation Resolute Support; and
- WHEREAS:** Staff Sergeant O'Hara's awards and decorations include the Senior Aviation Badge, Aircraft Crewmember Standardization Instructor, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "C" Device for combat, NATO Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal; and
- WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize the sacrifices made by Staff Sergeant O'Hara by lowering the flags on all State buildings and grounds to half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF STAFF SERGEANT RYAN AUSTIN O'HARA, 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 all state buildings and grounds on Monday, February 17, 2025, in honor and memory of Staff Sergeant Ryan Austin O'Hara.

This 14th day of February 2025.

GOVERNOR