



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### FLAGS ON ALL STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED TO HALF STAFF

- WHEREAS:** The Honorable Stephen S. Goss of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2019; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout his career, Judge Goss honorably served the citizens of Georgia first as juvenile court judge of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, then as he served for 19 years as Superior Court Judge of the Dougherty Judicial Circuit until his 2018 appointment to the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Judge Goss was a leader in the formation of accountability courts having founded the Dougherty Superior Court Mental Health/Substance Abuse treatment program - the first felony mental health court in Georgia and one of the early felony programs in the United States. He was active in continuing education efforts serving as an active faculty member of the National Judicial College, as a member of the teaching faculty of the National Drug Court Institute, as senior consultant to the U.S. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration GAINS Center, and through his presentation of continuing education training in 32 states; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to his judicial service, Judge Goss served his community through a number of civic boards and community service organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to recognize Judge Goss' service to citizens of the State of Georgia by lowering the flags on throughout Georgia to half-staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR OF AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE STEPHEN S. GOSS, 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 Wednesday, August 28, 2019, the day of Judge Goss' memorial.

This 26<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2019.

  
GOVERNOR