



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

### **FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF**

**WHEREAS:** Today the State of Georgia mourns the loss of the Honorable Debra Bernes, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** After graduating from Henry Grady High School in 1973, Judge Bernes received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1976, and received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida's Fredric G. Levin College of Law in 1978; and

**WHEREAS:** Judge Bernes became a member of the State Bar of Georgia in 1979 and began a 20 year career as an assistant district attorney for the Cobb Judicial Circuit; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2004, Judge Bernes was elected to the Georgia Court of Appeals, and since then has served the people of Georgia with honor and distinction; and

**WHEREAS:** The citizens of the State of Georgia share the grief of Judge Bernes' family and friends during this time of great loss.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE DEBRA BERNES, 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 this State be flown at half-staff on State buildings and grounds on Thursday, July 22, 2010, the day of her funeral, until sunset.

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.

  
GOVERNOR