



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF

- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia mourns the loss of the Honorable Griffin B. Bell, one of our nation's greatest public servants and one of Georgia's most accomplished native sons; and
- WHEREAS:** As a highly respected counselor to political leaders on both sides of the political spectrum, Judge Bell's impact on our state and nation spanned multiple generations; and
- WHEREAS:** Judge Bell served as chief of staff to Georgia Governor S. Ernest Vandiver; and
- WHEREAS:** Judge Bell rendered his country exemplary service as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; and
- WHEREAS:** Judge Bell served with distinction as Attorney General of the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Judge Bell was subsequently called upon by numerous U.S. Presidents to lend his country his considerable wisdom and expertise by serving in a variety of other leadership roles; and
- WHEREAS:** Judge Bell was a pillar of the Georgia legal community as an attorney in private practice first in Savannah at Lawton & Cunningham, then in Rome at Matthews, Owens & Maddox, and finally in Atlanta, where he spent forty years at King & Spalding, which under his leadership grew from an eminent Atlanta law firm into a preeminent international law firm.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE GRIFFIN BELL AND HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, 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 all state buildings and grounds on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, the day of his funeral, until sunset.

This 6th day of January, 2009.


GOVERNOR