

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Department of Administration

Roy Cooper, Governor

Machelle Sanders, Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

To: Cabinet Secretaries; Council of State Members; Office of the UNC President; Administrative Office of the Courts; Office of Administrative Hearings; General Assembly; North Carolina Community College System; Governor's Mansion; Governor's Office

From: Secretary Machelle Sanders

Re: Lowering of the US and NC Flags to Half-Staff on Friday, May 15, in Honor of National Peace Officers Memorial Day

Governor Roy Cooper today ordered all US and North Carolina flags at state facilities be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, May 15, 2020 in observance of National Peace Officers Memorial Day. This day recognizes the many men and women of law enforcement who lost their lives or who were injured in the line of duty.

Statement from Governor Roy Cooper:

"The men and women we remember today gave their lives to protect ours. Because of that we can never properly thank these brave officers. But we can honor their lives and their memories by pausing to reflect on their contributions."

As a show of respect, individuals, businesses, schools, municipalities, counties and other government subdivisions are encouraged to fly the flag at half-staff for the duration of time indicated.

Please note, all North Carolina flag announcements are issued in accordance to regulations outlined in the US Flag Code.

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