

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 US and NC Flags to Half-Staff From Sunrise to Sunset on Friday, September 11 in Tribute to Patriot Day

Governor Roy Cooper today ordered all United States and North Carolina flags at state facilities to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, September 11, in tribute to Patriot Day, also known as the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

This day honors the victims of the 9/11 tragedy, their families and the heroic sacrifices of first responders. Please join us as we remember the thousands of innocent lives lost during one of the most deadly attacks on U.S. soil.

Statement from Governor Roy Cooper:

"Today, nearly two decades after September 11, 2001, we mourn those who died and remain grateful to those who rushed to help. In Washington, New York, Pennsylvania, and here at home, bravery and strength prevailed and lessons of service and sacrifice remain as strong today as they were in 2001," said Governor Cooper.

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 <u>US Flag</u> <u>Code</u>. For flag information, contact the NCDOA Communications Office at <u>communications@doa.nc.gov</u> or 919-807-4490. To join the North Carolina Flag Alert list, visit <u>http://ncadmin.nc.gov/subscribe-flag-alerts</u>. You can also view the North Carolina State Government Flag Guide <u>here</u>.

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