

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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STAFF DIRECTIVE 94-11

TO: Park Superintendents
District Superintendents
Public Safety Officer

FROM: Philip K. McKnelly, Director

SUBJECT: Flag Display

In order to insure uniformity throughout the state government in displaying the flags of the United States and North Carolina after the death of a former high ranking official, Governor Hunt's office has issued the attached procedures.

This is to be considered a Division directive to be implemented immediately.

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PROCEDURES FOR DISPLAY THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UPON THE DEATH OF A
FORMER HIGH RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

Section 175 of Title 36 of the United States Code details the position and manner of display for the United States flag. It states in relevant part:

(c) No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America...

(m) ...In the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any State,...the Governor of that State...may proclaim that National flag shall be flown at half-staff. The flag shall be flown at half-staff thirty days from the death of the President or a former President; ten days from the day of death of the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a former Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress.

Upon the death of principle figures of the United States government, if the President of the United States orders the United States flag flown at half-staff, the same will apply to the North Carolina state flag as a mark of respect to their memory. The flag of the State of North Carolina shall be displayed at half-staff for the same period of time as the flag of the United States.

In addition, the flags shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of present and former North Carolina public officials as follows:

- Upon the death of the Governor, on the day of death and until interment, both the United States and North Carolina flags.
- Upon the death of the Lieutenant Governor or the speaker of the North Carolina House, on the day of death, the United States flag and North Carolina flag. Until interment, the North Carolina flag.
- Upon the death of a public official currently heading a state department or a member of the General Assembly, on the day of death, the United States and North Carolina flags.
- Upon the death of a former Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Speaker of the House, on the day of death, North Carolina flag only.
- Upon the death of a former head of a state department, the current head of the department may direct that the flag in front of that agency's building(s) shall be flown at half-staff on the day of death (the North Carolina flag only).

- Upon the death of a former member of the General Assembly, the leadership of the General Assembly may direct that the flag in front of the legislative buildings shall be flown at half-staff on the day of death (the North Carolina flag only).

Unless otherwise ordered by the President of the United States or the Governor of North Carolina, this flag policy shall be implemented as herein written.

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