

Executive Order No. 2018-56

WHEREAS, I have been notified of the passing of Elizabeth Johnston Patterson; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Johnston Patterson, daughter of former Governor and United States Senator Olin DeWitt Johnston and the late Gladys Atkinson Johnston, dutifully served the State of South Carolina as a member of the Spartanburg County Council, South Carolina Senate, and United States House of Representatives representing the State's Fourth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Johnston Patterson was known as a dedicated public servant, zealous community advocate, and beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, and her lifetime of service is an inspiration to all South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, section 10-1-161(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that "the flags which are flown atop the State Capitol Building must be lowered to half-staff on the day on which funeral services are conducted" "[t]o honor and pay tribute to . . . current and past members of the United States Congress from the State of South Carolina"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby Order that the flags atop the State Capitol Building be lowered to half-staff on Sunday, November 18, 2018, in honor of Elizabeth Johnston Patterson and in recognition of her extraordinary service to the State of South Carolina. This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, THIS 14th DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2018.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**