WHEREAS, under Section 7 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, the Governor, acting as Chief Executive Magistrate, is commander-in-chief of Iowa’s armed forces; and

WHEREAS, under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, in the event of the death of a present or former official of the government of any state, territory, or possession of the United States, the Governor may proclaim that the flag of the United States of America be flown at half-staff; and

WHEREAS, under Section 1B.3 of Chapter 18 of the Code of Iowa, it is the duty of the custodians of public buildings in the State of Iowa to raise the flags of the United States of America and of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowans serving in the Armed Forces voluntarily endure separation from their families and communities and economic hardship while defending our nation’s security; and

WHEREAS, while we honor the duty and selfless service of all Iowa military personnel, we also remember the fallen heroes who have given the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives in the service of our Nation and our State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chester J. Culver, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me under the laws of the United States of America and under the laws and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby Order that:

1. The flag of the United States of America shall be flown at half-staff throughout the State of Iowa on property under the jurisdiction of the State, including the state Capitol Building and on flag displays in the Capitol Complex, and upon all public buildings, grounds, and facilities if any of the following shall apply:
   a. A member of the Iowa National Guard is killed in the line of duty.
   b. A member of the Iowa Air National Guard is killed in the line of duty.
   c. An Iowa resident serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces is killed in the line of duty.

2. The flag of the United States of America flown at half-staff or at half-mast pursuant to this Executive Order shall be flown in this manner upon the day of insurrection or as otherwise ordered by the Governor. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.

3. The flag of the State of Iowa, where it is flown, shall in all cases be subservient to and placed below the flag of the United States of America.

4. The flag of the State of Iowa shall be flown at half-staff throughout the State of Iowa on property under the jurisdiction of the State, including the state Capitol Building and on flag displays in the Capitol Complex, and upon all public buildings, grounds, and facilities under any of the conditions and circumstances described herein.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.

CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE