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TO: Alabama State Agencies
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey 
DATE: **Monday, December 30, 2024**
RE: Flags Lowered for Former President Jimmy Carter

In accordance with the Presidential proclamation, I hereby authorize flags be flown at half-staff on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol Complex in Montgomery and throughout the state of Alabama for 30 days to honor the service of former President Jimmy Carter, who passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the age of 100.

A native of Plains, Georgia, approximately 40 miles from the Alabama state line, Jimmy Carter first served his country as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. After his father died, he left military service to return home to take over the family peanut farm. In 1962, Carter entered politics running successfully for the Georgia State Senate. In 1970, he won the Georgia Governor's race. In December 1974, Jimmy Carter jumped into the Democratic primary for President among a field of more than a dozen candidates. His long-shot candidacy was not only victorious in the primary but ultimately in the 1976 general election. He served one term in office as President during which time our country faced many challenges from an energy shortage to U.S. diplomats being taken hostage in Iran. After leaving the White House in 1981, Carter forged the longest post presidency of any American chief executive. He was well known for his advocacy of international human rights through the Carter Center, and his hands-on assistance to disadvantaged persons through his years of volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. Jimmy Carter not only lived the longest of any former U.S. President, but his life also brought greater dignity to the presidency.

The flags on the grounds of the State Capitol Complex and throughout the state of Alabama may be flown at half-staff for 30 days from the date of President Carter's death, December 29, 2024.

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