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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-002**

**BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA**

**SUBJECT: ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF FORMER TENNESSEE HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER GERALD MCCORMICK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattanooga and the State of Tennessee mourn the loss of Gerald McCormick, a dedicated public servant, veteran, and community leader who passed away on December 11, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Gerald McCormick served with distinction in the Tennessee House of Representatives for fourteen years, representing the 26th District of Hamilton County from 2004 to 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, his leadership abilities were recognized by his peers, leading to his tenure as House Majority Leader from 2011 to 2017, where he played a pivotal role in shaping state policy and advocating for the interests of Chattanooga and the Tennessee Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his legislative career, Gerald McCormick served his country with honor as a member of the United States Army, seeing active duty during Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf War; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond his political and military service, he was a champion for our community, serving on the boards of local organizations including Blood Assurance and the Chattanooga Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and courageously advocating for ALS research and awareness in his final years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-104 and § 58-8-108, and Section 8.35 of the City Charter, the Mayor has the power to make an emergency declaration and order flags to be held at half staff over City buildings, which are under his supervision and control; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper that the City of Chattanooga pay tribute to Gerald McCormick's legacy of service, patriotism, and leadership on the day of his interment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM KELLY**, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of Chattanooga and laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby find, direct, and order the following:

1. **Display of Flags:** The flags of the United States and the City of Chattanooga shall be

flown at half-staff at all City buildings, grounds, and facilities.

2. **Duration:** This order shall be effective from sunrise to sunset on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025.**
3. **Implementation:** The Department of Public Works and all City department heads are directed to ensure that this order is executed accordingly.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this 15th day of December, 2025.

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TIM KELLY  
Mayor  
City of Chattanooga  
*Attest:*

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City Attorney / City Recorder