



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**Office of the Governor**

THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Berger, Director of Real Estate Management and Development  
Carlos Gimenez, County Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
Francis Suarez, Mayor, City of Miami

FROM: Governor Ron DeSantis

DATE: July 31, 2019

RE: Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of Former Senator Richard Stone

On Sunday, July 28, 2019, Richard Bernard Stone, of Miami, passed away. Senator Stone was elected to serve as a Florida State Senator from 1967-1970. In 1970, Senator Stone won the election to serve Florida's Secretary of State until 1974. From 1975-1980, Senator Stone was elected as Florida's first Jewish U.S. Senator since the Civil War. After serving as a U.S. Senator, Senator Stone was appointed to serve as the Ambassador to Denmark by President George H.W. Bush.

As a symbol of respect for the memory of Senator Stone, and his service to Florida, I hereby direct the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff at the Miami-Dade County Courthouse in Miami, Florida, the City Hall of Miami, Florida and at the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, effective immediately until sunset on Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

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