



STATE OF FLORIDA  
**Office of the Governor**

THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Berger, Director of Real Estate Management and Development

FROM: Governor Ron DeSantis

DATE: March 24, 2022

RE: Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of Former United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

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On Wednesday, March 23, 2022, Former United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright passed away at the age of 84 after battling cancer. In 1996, Albright became the first woman to serve as United States secretary of state. While serving in this role, she was the highest-ranking woman in the history of American government. Previously, she served as the United States ambassador to the United Nations. Prior to her notable career as an American diplomat, Albright made her way to the United States as a child of Czech refugees who fled from Nazi and Soviet oppression in Eastern Europe. Former United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will be remembered for her grit as a child refugee rising to the highest ranks as an American political leader.

Pursuant to the President's orders and as a mark of respect, I hereby direct the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff at all local and state buildings, installations, and grounds throughout the State of Florida immediately until sunset on Sunday, March 27, 2022.

To view the President's statement, click [here](#).

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