



STATE OF FLORIDA

Office of the Governor

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Berger, Director of Real Estate Management and Development
Rick Wilson, Commissioner, Polk County
Bradley T. Dantzler, Mayor, City of Winter Haven

FROM: Governor Ron DeSantis

DATE: March 12, 2021

RE: Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of Former Mayor Lemuel Geathers

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, former Mayor Lemuel Geathers passed away. Geathers served as Winter Haven's first black mayor and city commissioner. Since the beginning of his leadership, he played a significant role in the desegregation of schools, businesses, and organizations in Polk County. As a community leader and World War II veteran, Geathers will be remembered as a patriot, educator, and mentor.

To honor the memory of former Mayor Lemuel Geathers and his service to our state, I hereby direct the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff at the Polk County Courthouse in Bartow, Florida, the City Hall of Winter Haven, Florida, and at the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

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