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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Berger  
Director of Real Estate Development and Management

FROM: Governor Ron DeSantis

DATE: Monday, October 18, 2021

RE: Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of General Colin Powell

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Today, General Colin Powell passed away at 84 years of age. Powell was an American patriot who spent over 35 years serving in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Four-Star General. He was our nation's first Black Secretary of State, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and National Security Adviser. He was awarded with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1991 and again in 1993 with distinction. Powell greatly influenced U.S. foreign policy and will be remembered as a trailblazing soldier, leader, and public servant.

To honor General Colin Powell and his impact on our nation, 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 Friday, October 22, 2021.

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

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