

## **NEWS ADVISORY**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018

### **Flags to fly at half-staff honoring the victims of the Parkland, Fla. mass shooting**

**EDINBURG** – County Judge Ramon Garcia has directed that all U.S. and Texas state flags be flown at half-staff beginning immediately in honor of the victims of the attack perpetrated on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Parkland, Fla per a proclamation issued by President Donald Trump and pursuant to Chapter 3100 of the Texas Government Code.

All flags should remain at half-staff through sunset Monday, Feb. 19.

“Our Nation grieves with those who have lost loved ones in the shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland,” reads the proclamation, in part. “As a mark of solemn respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence perpetrated on February 14, 2018, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, February 19, 2018. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.”

Individuals, businesses, municipalities and other political subdivisions and entities are encouraged to fly their flags at half-staff for the same length of time.

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