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## NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **FLAGS AT ALAMEDA COUNTY BUILDINGS LOWERED TO HONOR VICTIMS OF CHATTANOOGA SHOOTING**

July 21, 2015 – *Oakland, CA* – In response to an order made today by President Obama, flags are being flown at half-staff in front of all Alameda County buildings to honor the victims of last week's deadly shootings at two military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Scott Haggerty, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, formally requested that flags at all Alameda County facilities be lowered following the Executive Order issued by President Obama earlier today. The President ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at the White House and all public buildings and grounds, "as a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on July 16, 2015, in Chattanooga."

All flags in front of County buildings were lowered this afternoon and will be flown at half-staff through sunset on Saturday, as outlined in the President's order.

Five people - four Marines and a Navy Petty Officer - died as a result of the shootings at an armed services recruiting center and a naval reserve facility.

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