



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 27, 2025

Colonel Freeman F. Martin, Director  
Texas Department of Public Safety  
5805 North Lamar Boulevard  
Austin, Texas 78752-4431

Dear Colonel Martin:

Texas has lost a longtime leader and dedicated public servant with the death of Carole Keeton. As a mark of respect for her public service as school board president, state insurance commissioner, mayor, railroad commissioner, and comptroller, it is fitting that flags be lowered to half-staff in her honor.

Therefore, pursuant to Sections 3100.065 and 443.024(e) of the Texas Government Code and Title 4 of the U.S. Code (4 U.S.C. § 1 et seq), the flags of the State of Texas and the United States of America shall be lowered statewide to half-staff immediately in honor of the life and public service of Carole Keeton. Flags should be returned to full-staff at sunset on Friday, March 28, 2025. In addition, flags on the Texas Capitol building and at the Texas State Cemetery should be flown at half-staff on the date of her interment once it is set by the family.

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

On behalf of Texas, the First Lady and I offer our thoughts and prayers on behalf of the Keeton family in their time of mourning. I urge all Texans to appropriately remember Carole's service to Texas.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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