EXECUTIVE ORDER #76

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff as a Mark of Respect for Peace Officers Who Have Given Their Lives in the Line of Duty

WHEREAS, each year, the State of Wisconsin honors the brave and dedicated peace officers who protect and serve our communities and our state;

WHEREAS, this year, we are especially grateful for the peace officers who have assisted in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, despite the heightened risks that this disease presents;

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin are grateful for Wisconsin’s peace officers who work to build relationships with our communities in the promise of a more safe, just, and equitable future for the people of our state;

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin honor and remember peace officers who have given their lives in the line of service of this promise;

WHEREAS, federal law designates May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it occurs as Police Week, requiring the flags of the United States to be flown at half-staff on May 15 in recognition of peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Wisconsin, hereby:

1. Order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin located in the State of Wisconsin beginning at sunrise on Friday, May 15, 2020, and ending at sunset on that day;

2. Authorize any jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin to fly the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin at half-staff on any day during Police Week (May 10, 2020 to May 16, 2020) for the purpose of honoring in a public ceremony, peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.
By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighth day of May in the year of two thousand twenty.

TONY EVERS
Governor