

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER #240**

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of State Day of Service and Remembrance

**WHEREAS,** on September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 innocent lives were lost and thousands more were injured in terrorist attacks occurring at the World Trade Center in New York City, outside of Washington, D.C. at the Pentagon, and a crash site near Shanksville, Pennsylvania;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the families, friends, and loved ones of those who were killed, the September 11, 2001, attacks affected people in every corner of the nation and world, including in Wisconsin, transcending faith, race, ethnicity, identity, and background;

**WHEREAS**, each year on this day, we remember those who lost their lives, honor the survivors of the attacks, and pay tribute to the first responders, volunteers, and countless others who responded with bravery and compassion at great personal sacrifice;

**WHEREAS,** on this occasion, we also honor the brave sacrifices of service members in the United States and across the world who gave their lives in the years since the attacks, as well as those who have served and continue to serve the state and nation both at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks has come to be recognized as a day of service and an opportunity to reflect on the grit, resilience, and determination of the people of the United States, allowing us to reaffirm our shared values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion in the spirit of service to each other, our neighbors, and our communities.

**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, hereby:

- 1. Order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, and ending at sunset on that date.
- 2. Declare Wednesday, September 11, 2024, a day of service across the State of Wisconsin and encourage all my fellow Wisconsinites to commit a day of service to cooperatively serve our communities in commemoration of the lives lost and sacrifices made.

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 ninth day of September in the year of two thousand twepty-four.

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By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State