



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #252**

**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 former State Senator George Petak**

**WHEREAS**, on December 24, 2024, former State Senator George Petak passed away at the age of 75;

**WHEREAS**, former State Senator Petak served on the Racine Unified School District Board of Education from 1983 to 1990;

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, former State Senator Petak was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate, representing the 21st Senate District until 1996;

**WHEREAS**, during his time in the Wisconsin State Senate, former State Senator Petak casted the deciding vote to build Miller Park—the home of the Milwaukee Brewers;

**WHEREAS**, after his time in the Wisconsin State Senate, former State Senator Petak served in positions at the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority and the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, in addition to a career in consulting and lobbying;

**WHEREAS**, the people of Wisconsin join former State Senator Petak's family, colleagues, and loved ones in mourning his passing and remembering him as a man of faith, courage, and principle; and

**WHEREAS**, services for former State Senator Petak will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025, in Colorado.

**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 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, beginning at sunrise on Monday, January 6, 2025, and ending at sunset on that date.



**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 third day of January in the year of two thousand twenty-five.

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State