



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #261

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 Representative James F. Rooney

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2025, former State Representative James F. Rooney passed away at the age of 89;

WHEREAS, former State Representative Rooney served the United States of America as a soldier in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956;

WHEREAS, a dedicated and well-respected public servant, former State Representative Rooney represented his community in several important roles, serving nearly two decades on the Racine County Board of Supervisors, including as chairman, serving as the Racine Harbor commissioner for almost 50 years, as well as years of service as the Racine County highway commissioner and the Racine County Public Works commissioner;

WHEREAS, in 1972, former State Representative Rooney was elected to the Wisconsin State Legislature, representing the 61st and later the 20th Assembly District for more than a decade;

WHEREAS, from 1985 to 2019, former State Representative Rooney was the chairman of the Wisconsin Waterways Commission;

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin join former State Representative Rooney's family and friends in mourning his passing and remembering his unmistakable sense of humor, commitment to public service, and his accomplishments, which, throughout the course of his career, benefitted both his hometown of Racine and the entire state; and

WHEREAS, services for former State Representative Rooney will take place on Friday, May 23, 2025, in Racine, Wisconsin.

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 **Friday, May 23, 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 twenty-first day of May in the year of two thousand twenty-five.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
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Secretary of State