



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER #266

**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 Wisconsin National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jerome "Jerry" Berard**

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2025, Maj. Gen. Jerome "Jerry" Berard passed away at the age of 87;

**WHEREAS**, Maj. Gen. Berard proudly served in the Wisconsin National Guard for more than four decades, 26 years of which were in command time and 15 years in full-time active status;

**WHEREAS**, Maj. Gen. Berard served as adjutant general of the Wisconsin National Guard from 1996 to 1997, and during his career, received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, the Silver de Fleury Medal, and three Meritorious Service Medals;

**WHEREAS**, born in Hayward, Maj. Gen. Berard worked at Telemark and Historyland for 26 years, managed the Lumberjack World Championships for two decades, and, in 1978, he received the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Paul Bacon Award for his contributions to ski race organizing;

**WHEREAS**, Maj. Gen. Berard was a loving husband, a proud father, and a friend to many, and the people of Wisconsin join his family and friends in mourning his passing and honoring his memory; and

**WHEREAS**, services for Maj. Gen. Berard will take place on June 13, 2025, in Hayward and at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner.

**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, June 13, 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 eleventh day of June in the year of two thousand twenty-five.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State