



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #276

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 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forester Adam Zirbel

WHEREAS, on September 22nd, 2025, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forester Adam Zirbel was tragically killed by a lightning strike at the age of 48;

WHEREAS, Zirbel was a graduate of Sun Prairie High School, studied forest management at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and proudly served for more than twenty years as a forester and wildland firefighter, including, most recently, as senior forester of Kettle Moraine State Forest's Northern Unit;

WHEREAS, having joined the DNR in 2011, Zirbel was a steadfast advocate for the protection and conservation of Wisconsin's forestlands and was responsible for planting millions of trees, safeguarding the health and stability of the state's forests, responding to wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters to promote public safety, and educating students and professional foresters on sustainable forest management;

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man and mentor to many, Zirbel will be remembered for his legacy of serving others and his respect for the outdoors, as well as the integrity and compassion he brought to his work and the knowledge, patience, and respect he shared with everyone he knew;

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin join Adam's wife, Beth, and children, Lincoln, Lennex, and Stormy, along with an abundance of family, friends, colleagues, and community members, in mourning his tragic passing; and

WHEREAS, services for Adam Zirbel will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, in DeForest and Middleton, 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 **Saturday, October 4, 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 second day of October 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