



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #291**

**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 Peace Officers Who Have Given Their Lives in the Line of Duty**

**WHEREAS**, throughout Wisconsin, peace officers bravely protect and serve our communities and the people of our state, demonstrating a deep commitment to public service, community safety, and the pursuit of justice;

**WHEREAS**, members of law enforcement agencies are called to respond to dangerous and often unpredictable situations, putting themselves in harm's way in order to protect and serve neighbors and communities;

**WHEREAS**, on this occasion, the people of Wisconsin recognize peace officers for their dedicated service and honor and remember all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the loved ones, friends, and colleagues who mourn their loss every day;

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, May 8, 2026, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will be held at the Wisconsin State Capitol to honor fallen officers; and

**WHEREAS**, federal law designates May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it occurs as Police Week, requiring the flags of the United States to be flown at half-staff on May 15 in recognition of peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

**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 shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin beginning at sunrise on **Friday, May 8, 2026**, and ending at sunset on that date.
2. 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 15, 2026**, and ending at sunset on that date.
3. Authorize any jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin to fly the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin at half-staff on any day during Police Week (May 10, 2026, to May 16, 2026) for the purpose of honoring in a public ceremony, peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.



**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 seventh day of May in the year of two thousand twenty-six.

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State