



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #188**

**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 Machinist's Mate 1st Class Vernon T. Luke of the United States Navy, Who Lost His Life While Serving His Country During World War II**

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1941, Machinist's Mate 1st Class Vernon T. Luke, of the U.S.S. Oklahoma, United States Navy, was killed in action when the U.S.S. Oklahoma was torpedoed by Japanese warplanes and capsized within minutes of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, after that fateful day over seven decades ago, the remains of nearly 400 sailors and Marines killed aboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma could not be identified; and

**WHEREAS**, Machinist's Mate 1st Class Vernon T. Luke's remains were recently identified due to advances in forensic technology, and he is among the first of the previously unidentified U.S.S. Oklahoma servicemen to be identified and reburied; and

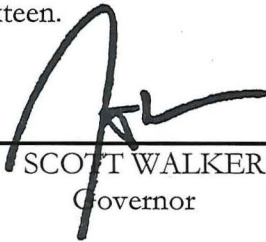
**WHEREAS**, Machinist's Mate 1st Class Vernon T. Luke was a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin and a graduate of Green Bay West High School; and

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, Machinist's Mate 1st Class Vernon T. Luke will be laid to rest with full military honors near Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, nearly seventy-five years after sacrificing his life on behalf of his nation;

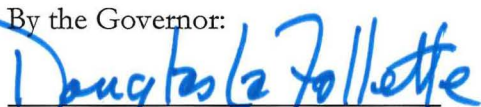
**NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**, 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 ninth day of March, in the year two thousand sixteen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State