



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #201**

**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 the state of Wisconsin, peace officers bravely protect and serve their communities and the citizens of this state;

**WHEREAS**, in their commitment to public service, safety, and justice, members of law enforcement agencies are often called to put themselves in harm's way to respond to dangerous and unpredictable situations;

**WHEREAS**, since the beginning of 2023, there have already been four law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in Wisconsin, which makes 2023 the worst year for officers killed in the line of duty Wisconsin has seen in more than 20 years;

**WHEREAS**, the people of Wisconsin are grateful for this service and honor and remember peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice;

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, May 19, 2023, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony will be held at the Wisconsin State Capitol to honor fallen officers.

**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 **Monday, May 15, 2023**, 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 19, 2023**, 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 14, 2023, to May 20, 2023) 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 tenth day of May in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

*Tony Evers*

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TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*

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SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State