



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 324

**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 Rod Nilsestuen, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection**

**WHEREAS**, on July 21, 2010, Secretary Rod Nilsestuen passed away at the age of sixty-two; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Rod Nilsestuen served the people of Wisconsin with distinction and honor as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection since 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Nilsestuen was a visionary agriculture leader who led the greatest and most beneficial transformation of agriculture in generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Nilsestuen's accomplishments included dramatic increases in milk and cheese production, dynamic growth in organic farming and grazing operations, protecting our state's farmland through the Working Lands Initiative, promoting the development of biofuels and bioenergy to generate homegrown renewable energy in Wisconsin, connecting consumers to local farmers through the Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin program and strong support for investments in America's dairyland; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Nilsestuen was an internationally respected leader in the cooperative movement who worked to make sure farmers received the economic value of their work; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death and honor the achievements of Secretary Nilsestuen;

**WHEREAS**, a memorial service will be held for Secretary Nilsestuen on Tuesday, July 27, 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by Federal and State law, 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 Tuesday, July 27, 2010, and ending at sundown on that date.



By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

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 twenty-sixth day of July, in the year two thousand and ten.

*Jim Doyle*  
JIM DOYLE  
Governor