

# The State of Wisconsin



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER #281

**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**, peace officers throughout the State of Wisconsin place themselves in imminent danger on a daily basis to protect and serve the citizens of this great state; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important and appropriate that the people of Wisconsin pause to remember peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the fifteenth day of May has been designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day pursuant to Federal law (see 36 USC 167); and

**WHEREAS**, the calendar week during which such fifteenth day of May occurs has been designated as Police Week pursuant to Federal law (see 36 USC 167); and

**WHEREAS**, Federal law requires the Flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day (see 36 USC 175); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1996 at a ceremony at the State Capitol, the State of Wisconsin will honor the peace officers of this state who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, similar ceremonies will be held across the state during Police Week (i.e., May 12, 1996 through May 18, 1996).

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by Federal and State law, do 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 equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on May 15, 1996 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 the State Capitol Building beginning at sunrise on May 17, 1996 and ending at sunset on that date;

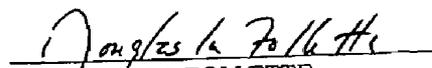
(3) Authorize any jurisdiction of this state to fly the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin at half-staff on any day during Police Week (i.e., May 12, 1996 through May 18, 1996) that such jurisdiction officially honors in a public ceremony peace officers who have given their 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 eighth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-six.

  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State