

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER #212**

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of State Day of Service and Remembrance

**WHEREAS,** on September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 innocent lives were lost and thousands more were injured in terrorist attacks occurring in New York City, outside Washington, D.C., and in Pennsylvania;

**WHEREAS**, the attacks affected the lives of people in every corner of our nation and across the world, including first responders, service members, and civilians alike who responded with bravery, unity, and selflessness;

**WHEREAS**, each year on this day, we pay tribute to those who lost their lives, the countless heroes who responded during a time of great need, the survivors, and the loved ones of the fallen;

**WHEREAS,** on this occasion, through dedicated acts of service and efforts to give back to our neighbors and our communities, we honor and remember the service members in the United States and across the world who made the ultimate sacrifice in the years since the attacks, as well as those who have served and continue to serve our communities and our country at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS,** the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States has come to be recognized as a day of service and an opportunity to reflect on the grit, resilience, and determination of the people of the United States and to reaffirm our shared values of kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion in the spirit of service to each other, our neighbors, and our communities.

**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 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 **Monday, September 11, 2023,** and ending at sunset on that date.
- 2. Declare Monday, September 11, 2023, a day of service across the State of Wisconsin and encourage all my fellow Wisconsinites to commit a day of service to cooperatively serve our communities in commemoration of the lives lost and sacrifices made.

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 September in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

TONY EVERS

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI Secretary of State