



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #216**

**Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff to Mark the Second Anniversary of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy**

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2021, community members gathered to celebrate the holiday season with friends, family, and neighbors at the annual Waukesha Christmas Parade, where a senseless and violent attack on the community ultimately took the lives of six individuals and injured many others;

**WHEREAS**, Tamara Durand, 52; Wilhelm Hospel, 81; Jane Kulich, 52; Leanna Owen, 71; Virginia Sorenson, 79; and Jackson Sparks, 8, are remembered for the light that they brought to the world, which lives on through the kindness, courage, empathy, and strength of the Waukesha community and the unity and love that has been shared with Waukesha by people from across Wisconsin and around the nation;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to honoring and remembering the lives lost, the state also recognizes the first responders, law enforcement agencies, medical professionals, and community members who acted quickly and put their own lives in danger to help their neighbors during a time of fear and great need; and

**WHEREAS**, on the second anniversary of this tragic and fateful attack, Wisconsinites join survivors, family, friends, loved ones, and the entire Waukesha community in honoring the lives that were mercilessly taken and the strength and resilience shown by the entire Waukesha community on that day and in the years since.

**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 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 Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 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 seventeenth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State