



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 277

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 Aircraft Pilot Heath Van Handel of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2009, Heath Van Handel, a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division aircraft pilot, died while participating in forest fire control activities in Wood County; and

WHEREAS, Heath Van Handel, as a DNR pilot, combined his love of flying with his deep respect for Wisconsin's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Heath Van Handel was a courageous, experienced pilot who protected the citizens of Wisconsin, their properties and the natural resources from forest fires; and

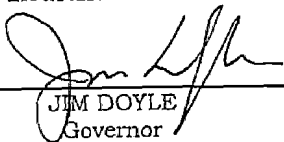
WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin are grateful for Heath Van Handel's public service and mourn his death; and

WHEREAS, a memorial service celebrating the life and accomplishments of Heath Van Handel will be held on Monday April 13, 2009;

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 **April 13, 2009**, 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 tenth day of April, in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State