



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #126**

**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 Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Edward J. Miller of the United States Air Force Who Lost His Life in a 1952 Air Force Plane Crash**

**WHEREAS**, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Edward J. Miller, a member of the United States Air Force from Evansville, Wisconsin assigned to Alaska's Elmendorf Air Force Base, was killed on November 22, 1952, when a Douglas C-124 Globemaster troop transport plane crashed during a blizzard into Mt. Gannett near Anchorage, Alaska, with a loss of 52 military personnel;

**WHEREAS**, wreckage of Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Edward J. Miller's plane was soon covered with dozens of feet of snow and ice on the Colony Glacier, rendering location and recovery of the remains of personnel impossible;

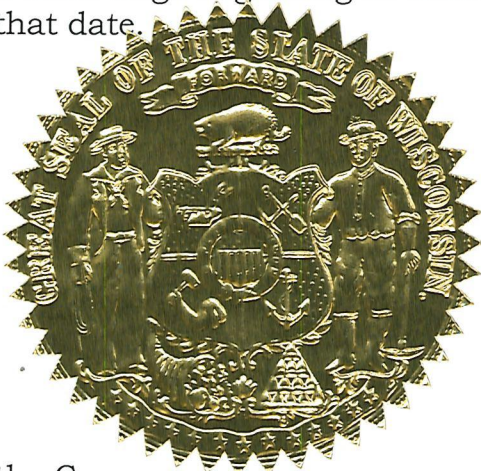
**WHEREAS**, in 2012, an Alaska Army National Guard helicopter crew discovered the C-124 Globemaster wreckage on the Colony Glacier and a joint Army and Air Force mortuary recovery team commenced a search over the course of several years for the remains of personnel lost in the crash on November 22, 1952;

**WHEREAS**, the joint Army and Air Force mortuary recovery team located Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Edward J. Miller's identification tag and what were presumed to be his remains, and in 2019, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Edward J. Miller's remains were identified by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner laboratory in Dover, Delaware;

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, July 17, 2021, Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Edward J. Miller will be buried with full military honors at Maple Hill Cemetery in Evansville, Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, the people of the United States and the State of Wisconsin are forever grateful for the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Edward J. Miller of the United States Air Force.

**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 equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on **Saturday, July 17, 2021** 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 Executive Residence in the Village of Maple Bluff this fourteenth day of July in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State