



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #177**

**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 First Anniversary of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy**

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2021, as community members gathered to celebrate the holiday season with friends, family, and neighbors at the 2021 Waukesha Christmas Parade, Tamara Durand, 52; Wilhelm Hospel, 81; Jane Kulich, 52; Leanna Owen, 71; Virginia Sorenson, 79; and Jackson Sparks, 8, were tragically killed, and many others were injured in a violent attack on the community;

**WHEREAS**, many ran towards danger to help their neighbors in a time of fear and need, and the brave efforts of first responders, healthcare workers, and law enforcement saved lives;

**WHEREAS**, whether they were sharing their gift of dance, volunteering, or marching with their baseball team, the victims of this tragedy will always be remembered for the joy that they brought to their loved ones and their contributions to the Waukesha community;

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of the attack, people from across Wisconsin and around the nation stepped up to support families and a community facing unthinkable tragedy during a season that should have been filled with happiness and celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Wisconsin join together with family, friends, and community members to honor the lives senselessly lost, as well as to remember and reflect on the strength and resilience shown by the Waukesha community on that day and during the year that has followed.

**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 Monday, November 21, 2022, 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 eighteenth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty-two.

TONY EVERS  
Governor



By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State