The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #163

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff on Memorial Day

WHEREAS, the long tradition of honoring our veterans on Memorial Day has been observed ever since the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1868, General John Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for an annual observance to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers, in order that no "neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present, or to the coming generations, that we have forgotten, as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic"; and

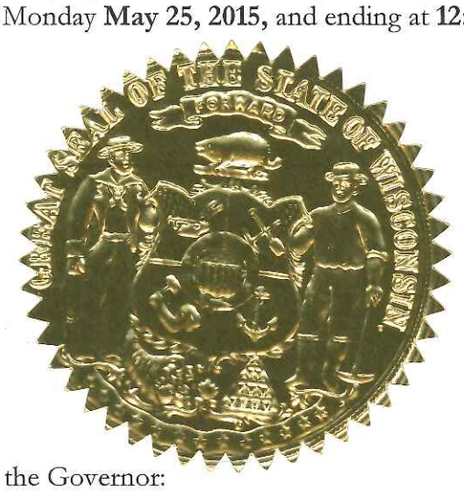
WHEREAS, it is right and proper that the people of the State of Wisconsin remember and honor the brave men and women who, throughout our Nation's history, have laid down their lives in defense of the United States of America and the great State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, this Memorial Day, families, friends, and neighbors throughout the State of Wisconsin will unite in honoring the courageous sacrifices made by the men and women who valiantly defend our Nation; and

WHEREAS, federal law provides that flag of the United States should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon on Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 25, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE I, SCOTT WALKER, 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 beginning at sunrise on Monday **May 25, 2015,** and ending at **12:00 PM CDT** 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 twenty-second day of May, in the year two-thousand fifteen.

SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State