The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #168

Relating to Arming the Wisconsin National Guard

WHEREAS, on Thursday morning, July 16, 2015, a terrorist attack on an armed forces recruitment center and Naval Reserves Operational Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, resulted in the death of five United States service members and wounded many others; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin proudly has thousands of national guard members who protect the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, these attacks are becoming more prevalent in recent years; and

WHEREAS, every precaution must be taken to ensure that our servicemen and women are protected from possible future attacks; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 4 of the Wisconsin Constitution establishes the governor as the Commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces of the state and provides that he shall transact all necessary business with the officers of the military; and

WHEREAS, under Section 321.30 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the organized militia of this state shall be known as the "Wisconsin national guard";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, including Section 321.23(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby authorize and direct the Adjutant General to arm certain Wisconsin national guard personnel as reasonably necessary to preserve the lives, property, and security of themselves and other persons subject to the threat of an attack as occurred in Chattanooga, Tennessee and elsewhere across the country.

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-first day of July in the year two thousand fifteen.

SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State