



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER # 281**

**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 Peace Officers Who Have Given Their Lives in the Line of Duty**

**WHEREAS**, peace officers throughout the State of Wisconsin place themselves in grave danger on a daily basis to protect and serve the citizens of this great state; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important and appropriate that the people of Wisconsin pause to remember peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, federal law requires the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff on May 15th, Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, federal law designates the week in which May 15th occurs as Police Week in recognition of the service given by the men and women of law enforcement who stand guard to protect the people of the United States; and

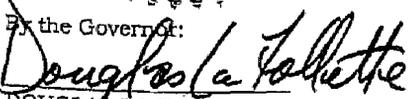
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Wisconsin, do hereby:

1. 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 located in the State of Wisconsin beginning at sunrise on **Friday, May 15, 2009**, and ending at sunset on that date; and
2. Authorize any jurisdiction of this state to fly the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin at half-staff on any day during Police Week (May 10 through May 16, 2009) for the purpose of honoring, in a public ceremony, peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

**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 twelfth day of May, in the year two thousand nine.

  
JIM DOYLE  
Governor



By the Governor:  
  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State