

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER #102**

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, thousands of Wisconsinites voluntarily serve the State as peace officers, devoting their lives to the protection of their fellow men and women and placing themselves in grave danger on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, throughout our State's history, approximately 260 Wisconsin peace officers have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the safety of communities throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, we wish to honor these Badgers who did not return home from the watch by pausing to remember all peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy designated 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

WHEREAS, in accordance with President Kennedy's proclamation, federal law requires the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on May 15th, Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the 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 beginning at sunrise on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 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 12 through May 18, 2013) 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 tenth day of May, in the year two thousand thirt

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By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State