

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER #104**

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, Memorial Day was created by General Order No. 11 issued by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, on May 5, 1868, "with the hope it will be kept up from year to year;" and

WHEREAS, that first Memorial Day was established for the purpose of "cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe" and for coming generations never to forget "the cost of a free and undivided republic;" and

WHEREAS, the unparalleled liberty, prosperity, and independence enjoyed by the citizens of the United States of America have been established, defended, and continually secured by the courageous and selfless sacrifice of her brave sons and daughters serving in the Armed Forces; and

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

WHEREAS, this Memorial Day, families, friends, and neighbors throughout the State of Wisconsin will gather in celebration and solemn remembrance of the sacrifice made by these courageous defenders of our Nation; and

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

WHEREAS, Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 27, 2013.

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 May 27, 2013, 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 thirteen

SCOPT WALKER Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State