



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #112

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin be Flown at Half-Staff to Honor the Victims of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks and the Members of the Armed Forces Who Answered the Subsequent Call to Defend Our Freedoms Overseas

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States, crashing into the Pentagon, destroying the World Trade Center's Twin Towers, and killing nearly 3,000 innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, first responders, and ordinary citizens heroically rushed into the flames and ash, risking their lives to render faithful and honorable service to the victims of the attacks; and

WHEREAS, brave men and women aboard United Airlines Flight 93, united in courage, thwarted an attack on the U.S. Capitol, a worldwide symbol of liberty, freedom, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the American people came together as one Nation in support of the friends and family of those men, women, and children whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001, demonstrating the resilience of our great Nation in times of a national tragedy; and

WHEREAS, since the attacks, thousands of our fellow citizens have embraced the highest form of patriotism by donning our country's uniform and serving overseas far from family, friends, and the comforts of home, offering their lives to protect our way of life; and

WHEREAS, 14,508 Wisconsin members of our armed forces continue to serve our country worldwide, bringing pride to the Badger State and to our country in their quest to defend democracy and spread the hope of peace; and

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, 163 courageous sons and daughters of Wisconsin have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country while defending freedom in ongoing overseas combat operations; and

WHEREAS, we join together in somber remembrance of every brave American lost on September 11, 2001, and in unwavering honor of those lives lost in conflicts in the name of freedom and of the brave resilience of American citizens in times of national strife; and

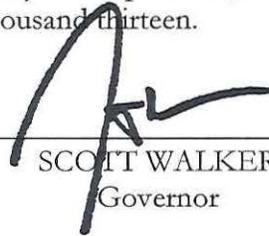
WHEREAS, all Wisconsinites may look to September 11th each year as a time to give of themselves in a day of service to perpetuate the founding principles of American democracy, embodying the spirit of unity and sacrifice shown by so many brave souls on September 11, 2001, and in subsequent conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day and has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

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 be flown half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on **Wednesday, September 11, 2013**, and ending at sunset on that date.

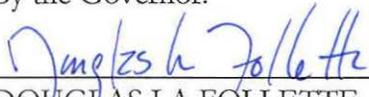


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this sixth day of September, in the year two thousand thirteen.



SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State