

## EXECUTIVE ORDER #133

## 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 citizens through enforcing the laws, protecting the peace, and safeguarding life and property throughout this great State; and

WHEREAS, more than 270 Wisconsin law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the safety of communities across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, it is important and appropriate for all Wisconsinites to honor these men and women who did not return home from the watch, by pausing to remember the dedicated and selfless service which all peace officers perform on a daily basis, faithfully standing guard in our communities and placing themselves often into grave danger; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and designated the week in which it occurs as Police Week, requiring the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff on May 15 in recognition of peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty;

**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 Thursday, May 15, 2014, 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 11 through May 17, 2014) 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 ninth day of May, in the year two though fourteen.

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