



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #173**

**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 Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001, and the Brave Men and Women in Uniform Who Answered the Subsequent Call to Defend Our Freedoms at Home and Abroad**

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States, damaging the Pentagon, destroying the twin towers of the World Trade Center, and killing nearly 3,000 people, including the passengers and crew of four hijacked airliners; and

**WHEREAS**, many law enforcement, first responders, and ordinary citizens heroically risked their lives responding to the attacks and rushing to aid the victims, inspiring all Americans to come together as one Nation in the following days and months; and

**WHEREAS**, since that day fourteen years ago, many thousands of our fellow Americans 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; and

**WHEREAS**, many Wisconsin soldiers have continued the Badger State's proud tradition of military service to our country by deploying throughout the world to defend democracy and spread the hope of freedom, and we remember the many service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of that mission; and

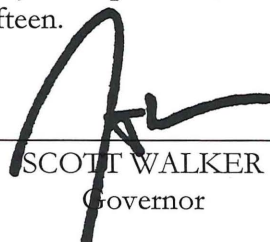
**WHEREAS**, all Wisconsinites are encouraged to offer their time and talents on this anniversary day and throughout the year in acts of service, embodying the spirit of unity and sacrifice shown by so many brave Americans on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day and has requested its observance annually as a National Day of Service and Remembrance;

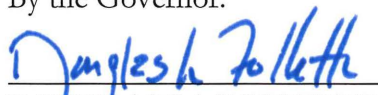
**NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by federal and state law, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on **Friday, September 11, 2015**, 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 tenth day of September, in the year two thousand fifteen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State