



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #253**

**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, destroying the twin towers of the World Trade Center, damaging the Pentagon, 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**, we owe a great debt to our many fellow citizens in uniform, who have since then volunteered their service to resist the spread of terrorism and to labor in defense of our country and the freedoms we cherish; and

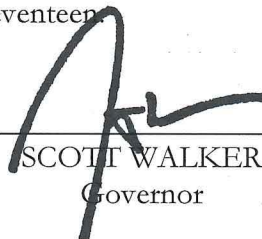
**WHEREAS**, all Wisconsinites are encouraged to offer their time and talents on this anniversary day and throughout the year in acts of service, embodying the spirit of unity and sacrifice shown by so many brave Americans on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated September 11th as Patriot Day, a day where all Americans stand united in remembrance, and observe a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives during this unspeakable tragedy;

**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 **Monday, September 11, 2017**, 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 eighth day of September, in the year two thousand seventeen.



  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:  
  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State