



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #109

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff in Memory of the More Than 500,000 Americans and 6,284 Wisconsinites Who Have Lost Their Lives to COVID-19

WHEREAS, as of this week, more than 500,000 Americans have been lost to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, among those Americans lost were 6,284 of our fellow Wisconsinites—our neighbors, friends, siblings, parents, and grandparents;

WHEREAS, these Wisconsinites were nuns, firefighters, bird watchers, lawyers, healthcare workers, gardeners, educators, entrepreneurs, community pillars, classmates, veterans, volunteers, card players, and Packers, Brewers, and Bucks fans;

WHEREAS, as Wisconsinites and Americans continue to endure the hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, we reflect upon those we have lost—people who are loved, cherished, and missed by so many;

WHEREAS, with heavy hearts, we join our fellow Wisconsinites and Americans who are mourning the loss of someone they love—the spouses, parents and grandparents, kids and grandkids, best friends, co-workers, and neighbors lost to COVID-19—and who, amid unimaginable challenges, have likewise had to endure unfathomable grief;

WHEREAS, the memory of those we have lost must inspire a united, steadfast effort toward preventing further spread of COVID-19, saving lives, and defeating the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, I ask the people of the State of Wisconsin to join me in honoring the memory of the far too many lives cut short by this virus by committing to our continued and shared fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State, 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 equipped with such flags beginning immediately, and **ending at sunset on February 26, 2021**.



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-third day of February in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor,

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State