



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #239**

**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 former State Representative Stephen J. Freese**

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2024, former State Representative Stephen J. Freese passed away at the age of 64;

**WHEREAS**, former State Representative Freese first entered public service in 1980, serving on the Jamestown Town Board from 1980 to 1994, and also served on the Grant County Board of Supervisors from 1982 to 1992;

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, former State Representative Freese was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly from the 51st Assembly District, which he represented for 16 years;

**WHEREAS**, former State Representative Freese served as speaker pro tempore of the Assembly for 12 years and was known as an advocate for rural issues;

**WHEREAS**, after his time in the legislature, he served as executive director of the Circus World Museum, chief administrative officer of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, president and chief executive officer of the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association, and served on the Jamestown Town Board as chairman from 2020 to 2024;

**WHEREAS**, former State Representative Freese was deeply devoted to his family and friends and was passionate about both history and agriculture, which was reflected throughout his career;

**WHEREAS**, services for former State Representative Freese will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2024, in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin.

**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, beginning at sunrise on Saturday, September 7, 2024, 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 fifth day of September in the year of two thousand twenty-four.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State