



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER #243

#### **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 Fred Kessler**

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2024, former State Representative Frederick P. Kessler passed away at the age of 84;

**WHEREAS**, born in Milwaukee, former State Representative Kessler was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1960 as the youngest person to serve in the Wisconsin State Legislature at that time and represented the 10th Milwaukee Assembly District from 1961 to 1963 and 1965 to 1972, and later the 12th Assembly District from 2005 to 2019;

**WHEREAS**, former State Representative Kessler served as a Milwaukee County Judge from 1972 to 1978 and a Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge from 1978 to 1981 and 1986 to 1988;

**WHEREAS**, during his 12 terms in office, former State Representative Kessler was a dedicated public servant and advocate on behalf of the people he served, working on legislation related to public education, civil liberties, fair housing, LGBTQ rights, freedom of speech, personal privacy, and redistricting reforms;

**WHEREAS**, former State Representative Kessler was active in the Milwaukee community, serving civil and human rights groups, including as president of the Milwaukee ACLU Chapter and chairman of Amnesty International Group 107, and German language and heritage groups, including as president of Goethe House;

**WHEREAS**, the people of Wisconsin join former State Representative Kessler's family, friends, and colleagues in honoring his life and the many contributions he made to the state of Wisconsin; and,

**WHEREAS**, services for former State Representative Kessler will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2024, in Milwaukee, 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, November 16, 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 fifteenth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty-four.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS  
Governor



By the Governor.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Godlewski".  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State