



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #244**

**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 Mark the Third Anniversary of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy**

**WHEREAS**, a cherished tradition in the Waukesha community, each year, the Waukesha Christmas Parade brings together residents and visitors alike for festivities that celebrate the community and the people who proudly call it home;

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2021, as community members gathered to celebrate the holiday season, a senseless act of violence shook the community, the state of Wisconsin, and the country, injuring dozens of people, affecting countless others, and taking the lives of six individuals: Tamara Durand, 52; Wilhelm Hospel, 81; Jane Kulich, 52; Leanna Owen, 71; Virginia Sorenson, 79; and Jackson Sparks, 8;

**WHEREAS**, this year, on the third anniversary of the Waukesha Christmas Parade attack, the Waukesha community will dedicate the Parade Memorial at Grede Park to honor the lives of these six individuals lost and the many survivors whose lives have been forever changed;

**WHEREAS**, on this anniversary, the state also recognizes and honors the first responders, law enforcement agencies, medical professionals, and community members who acted quickly to respond and provide aid and support to their neighbors, even at great personal risk in the face of fear and danger; and

**WHEREAS**, on the anniversary of this fateful attack, Wisconsinites join survivors, family, friends, loved ones, and the entire Waukesha community in honoring the lives that were mercilessly taken far too soon and the strength shown by the Waukesha community on that day and in the years since.

**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 Thursday, November 21, 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 nineteenth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty-four.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State