



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #245

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 Betty Jo Nelsen

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, former State Representative Betty Jo Nelsen passed away at the age of 89;

WHEREAS, former State Representative Nelsen was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly via special election in 1979 and served six terms, representing the 10th Assembly District from 1979 to 1983, the 5th Assembly District from 1983 to 1985, and the 10th Assembly District again from 1985 to 1990;

WHEREAS, in 1987, former State Representative Nelsen made history as the first woman to be elected to serve as minority leader;

WHEREAS, in 1990, former State Representative Nelsen was appointed by President George H. W. Bush as administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service within the United States Department of Agriculture, in 1992, she was nominated to serve as assistant secretary of agriculture for food and consumer services, and she later served on the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board;

WHEREAS, in addition to her life of public service, former State Representative Nelsen was committed to her community, holding leadership positions with many organizations, including Future Milwaukee, United Community Services, United Way, Girl Scouts of the USA, and Junior League of Milwaukee;

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin join former State Representative Nelsen's husband, Jim, children, grandchildren, and all her loved ones as they mourn her loss and celebrate her legacy; and,

WHEREAS, services for former State Representative Nelsen will be held on Monday, December 2, 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 Monday, December 2, 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 twenty-seventh day of November in the year of two thousand twenty-four.

A handwritten signature in blue 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