



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER #265

**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 Oneida Nation Chairman Gerald L. "Jerry" Danforth**

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2025, former Oneida Nation Chairman Gerald L. "Jerry" Danforth passed away at the age of 78;

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Danforth served in the United States Navy for more than 30 years, retiring in 1994 as force master chief of the Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, having served in both Vietnam and Desert Storm;

**WHEREAS**, first elected in 1999, then returning to office in 2005, Danforth served two full terms as chairman of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, during his administration, Chairman Danforth worked diligently to strengthen Tribal gaming interests and economic development and prioritized issues around healthcare, higher education, and Oneida language preservation;

**WHEREAS**, the people of Wisconsin join former Chairman Danforth's family, friends, and the entire Oneida Nation in mourning his passing and honoring his courage, character, and commitment to service; and

**WHEREAS**, services for former Oneida Nation Chairman Danforth will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2025, in Oneida, 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, June 7, 2025**, 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 sixth day of June in the year of two thousand twenty-five.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sarah Godlewski".

SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State