



EXECUTIVE ORDER #311

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 Peace Officers Who Have Given Their Lives in the Line of Duty

WHEREAS, peace officers throughout the State of Wisconsin place themselves in grave danger on a daily basis to protect and serve the citizens of this great state; and

WHEREAS, it is important and appropriate that the people of Wisconsin pause to remember peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the fifteenth day of May has been designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day pursuant to Federal law (see 36 USC § 167); and

WHEREAS, the calendar week during which the fifteenth day of May occurs has been designated as Police Week pursuant to Federal law in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through the enforcement of our laws (see 36 USC § 167); and

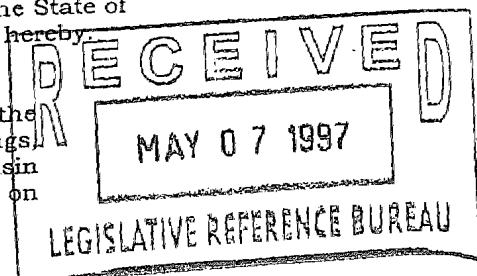
WHEREAS, Federal law requires the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day (see 36 USC § 175); and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1997 at a ceremony at the State Capitol, the State of Wisconsin will honor the peace officers of this state who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, similar ceremonies will be held across the state during Police Week (i.e., May 11, 1997 through May 17, 1997).

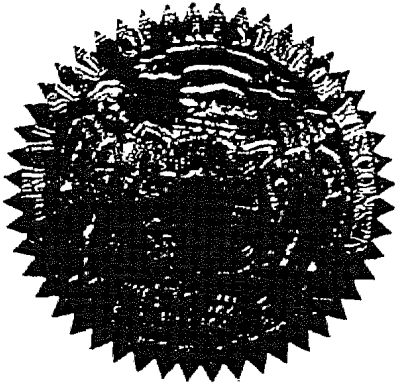
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by Federal and State law, do hereby

1. 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 May 15, 1997 and ending at sunset on that date;

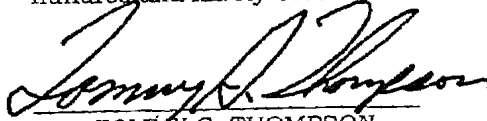


2. Order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds and military installations of the State of Wisconsin located in the City of Madison beginning at sunrise on May 16, 1997 and ending at sunset on that date;

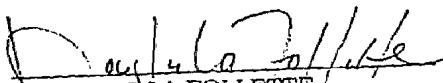
3. Authorize any jurisdiction of this state to fly the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin at half-staff on any day during Police Week (i.e., May 11, 1997 through May 17, 1997) that such jurisdiction officially honors, in a public ceremony, peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.



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 May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State