

## EXECUTIVE ORDER # 16

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 Sgt. Kirk Straseskie of the United States Marine Corps Who Lost His Life During Operation Iraqi Freedom

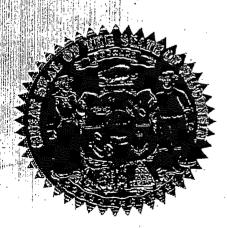
WHEREAS, on May 19, 2003, Sgt. Kirk Straseskie of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, a member of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, drowned while trying to rescue four Marines who were in a CH-46 chopper that crashed into a canal in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Kirk Straseskie faithfully and honorably served the people of the State of Wisconsin and the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Sgt. Kirk Straseskie in this tragic accident; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Kirk Straseskie will be laid to rest on Wednesday, May 28, 2003; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by Federal and State law, do 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 equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 and ending at sunset at that date.



By the Governor:

Douglas La FOLLETTE Secretary of State 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 May,

2003.

JIM DOYLE

Governor