

## 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 Lance Corporal Merlin Raye Allen of the United States Marines Corps Who Lost His Life While Serving His Country During the Vietnam War

**WHEREAS,** on June 30, 1967, Lance Corporal Allen, a field radio operator with an eight-man Marine reconnaissance team, was killed in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam, when the helicopter carrying him and his team crashed after sustaining heavy enemy fire; and

**WHEREAS,** Lance Corporal Allen's remains were recently discovered during an excavation of the helicopter crash site by a joint U.S. and Vietnamese recovery team; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Allen's remains were officially accounted for on February 16, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** Lance Corporal Allen will be laid to rest forty-six years after sacrificing his life on behalf of his nation, far from American soil; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 29, 2013, a memorial service and ceremony will be held in Bayfield, Wisconsin, to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of Lance Corporal Allen.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER,** 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 **Saturday, June 29, 2013,** and ending at sunset on 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-fifth day of June, in the year two thousand thirteen.

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