



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #213**

**Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff to Honor the Victims of the September 11, 2001, Terrorist Attacks and the Brave Men and Women in Uniform Who Answered the Subsequent Call to Defend Our Freedoms at Home and Abroad**

**WHEREAS**, September 11, 2016, marks the fifteen-year anniversary of the deadly terrorist attacks that were launched against America on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that we never forget the nearly 3,000 men, women, and children who lost their lives that day during the attacks that destroyed the twin towers of the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon; and

**WHEREAS**, we thank the heroic law enforcement officers, first responders, and ordinary citizens that saved countless lives on September 11, 2001, many making the ultimate sacrifice in the aftermath of the attacks in defense of our country and the freedoms we cherish; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe a great debt to the approximately 42,000 Post 9/11 Wisconsin veterans of the United States Armed Forces whom have served throughout the world to defend our country from the spread of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, since September 11, 2001, 174 brave Wisconsin service members or those with connections to Wisconsin have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day and has requested its observance annually as a National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

**WHEREAS**, Patriot Day provides Wisconsinites a special opportunity to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the senseless attacks on September 11, 2001, and those servicemen and women who bravely defend our freedoms and values to this day;

**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 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 **Sunday, September 11, 2016**, 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 eighth day of September, in the year two thousand sixteen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State