



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #246**

**Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff on Memorial Day**

**WHEREAS**, the long tradition of honoring our veterans on Memorial Day has been observed ever since the Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 1868, General John Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for an annual observance to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers, in order that no "neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present, or to the coming generations, that we have forgotten, as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic"; and

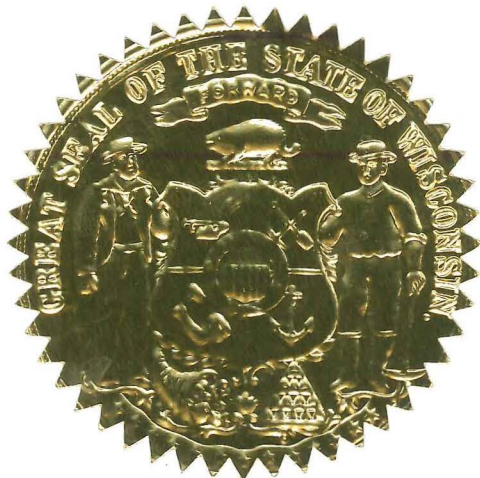
**WHEREAS**, it is right and proper that the people of Wisconsin remember and honor all of our service members who, throughout our long history, have sacrificed their lives in defense of the United States of America and the great State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, this Memorial Day, families and friends throughout Wisconsin will unite in honoring the courageous men and women who valiantly defended our Nation; and

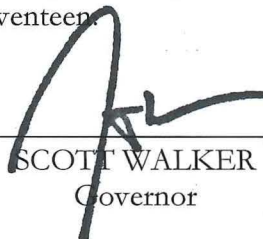
**WHEREAS**, federal law provides that the flag of the United States should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon on Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29, 2017;

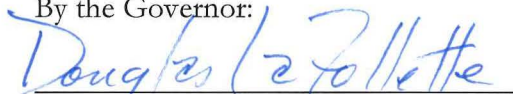
**NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of this state, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin beginning at sunrise on **Monday, May 29, 2017**, and ending at **12:00 PM CDT** 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 twenty-sixth day of May, in the year two thousand seventeen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State