

## EXECUTIVE ORDER #82

### 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 Members of the Armed Forces Who Answered the Subsequent Call to Defend Our Freedoms Overseas

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, terrorists tried to topple our beloved country by attacking the United States and killing nearly 3,000 innocent civilians; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement, first responders, and ordinary citizens heroically rushed into the flames and ash, risking their lives to render faithful and honorable service to the victims of the attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the American people came together as one Nation in the days and months following the attacks, pushing through our pain to remind the world of America's enduring commitment to democracy and liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, since the attacks, thousands of our fellow citizens have embraced the highest form of patriotism by donning our country's uniform and serving overseas far from family, friends, and the comforts of home; and

**WHEREAS**, 490 Wisconsin soldiers continue the Badger State's proud tradition of military service as they deploy throughout the world to defend our country from those that seek to harm us; and

**WHEREAS**, since September 11, 2001, 163 courageous sons and daughters of Wisconsin have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country while defending freedom in ongoing overseas combat operations; and

**WHEREAS**, all Wisconsinites may offer their time and talents on this anniversary day and throughout the year in acts of service to their neighbors and fellow citizens, embodying the spirit of unity and sacrifice shown by so many brave souls on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, our annual salute to the heroes and victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks is an ongoing recognition of the triumph of the American spirit over the foes and forces that challenge it; and


**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day and has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

**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 half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such

flags beginning at sunrise on **Tuesday, September 11, 2012**, 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 tenth day of September, in the year two thousand twelve.

  
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SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State