



**EXECUTIVE ORDER #318**

**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 Former State Senator Walter John Chilsen**

**WHEREAS**, on December 25, 2018, former State Senator Walter John Chilsen of the 29th Senate District passed away at the age of 95; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Walter John Chilsen served in the Wisconsin State Senate from 1967 to 1990, representing the citizens of the 29th Senate District for six terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Walter John Chilsen was a distinguished serviceman and lieutenant with the United States Army Air Forces during World War II, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery and sacrifice as a bombardier at Okinawa; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his service with the Wisconsin State Senate, Senator Walter John Chilsen made the opening announcement for WSAU-TV Channel 7 when the station first signed on the air in 1954, going on to serve as the station's news anchor for a decade and earning induction into the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Walter John Chilsen continued to serve his community after his retirement from the Wisconsin State Senate, serving on the Weston Town Board from 1990 to 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Walter John Chilsen was a lifelong public servant and the people of Wisconsin mourn his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, a memorial service for Senator Walter John Chilsen will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019;

**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 **Friday, January 4, 2019**, 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 thirty-first day of December in the year two thousand eighteen.

  
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SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State