EXECUTIVE ORDER #102

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 Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2020, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson passed away at the age of 87;

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson served 43 years on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, 19 of those years as Chief Justice, writing more than 1,300 opinions and leaving an indelible legacy of impartiality and the equal application of justice;

WHEREAS, upon her appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson became the first female justice and eventually the first female chief justice on Wisconsin's highest court;

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson became a titan of the legal community both in Wisconsin and nationally, an inspiring mentor to the generations who have followed her, and a dedicated public servant to the people of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson was a loving mother, grandmother, and wife, and a valued member of her community;

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson was a beacon of justice and equality, and the people of Wisconsin mourn her death; and

WHEREAS, a private memorial services will be held on January 5, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by federal and state law, 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 at the State of Wisconsin, beginning at sunrise on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 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 fourth day of January in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State