



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #124

Relating to a Proclamation that the Juneteenth Flag Be Flown over the East Wing of the State Capitol Building

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, news of the Emancipation Proclamation at last reached people enslaved in Galveston, Texas—over two years after it was issued;

WHEREAS, now 156 years since, Juneteenth marks a day not simply commemorating that transformation of “persons held as slaves” to “be then, thenceforward, and forever free,” but also Wisconsinites’ unremitting commitment to the cause of freedom;

WHEREAS, though the moniker of slavery has been erased, the shadow cast by the institution blights the full array of human endeavor still today—inequality inheres deeply embedded in education, health, employment, voting, and justice;

WHEREAS, collective action spanning decades has made significant though incomplete progress in the movement toward racial equality;

WHEREAS, on Juneteenth, the people of Wisconsin are called to remember our Nation’s history, celebrate its achievements, and commit ourselves to the unfinished project of freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, the red, white, and blue elements of the Juneteenth Flag remind us that people enslaved in this country were Americans, and this flag is raised both to honor their memory and to celebrate their descendants’ future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby:

1. Order that the Juneteenth Flag shall be flown over the East Wing of the State Capitol Building, beginning on Friday, June 18, 2021 and ending at sunset on Sunday, June 20, 2021.
2. Authorize state buildings and any jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin to fly the Juneteenth Flag from Friday, June 18, 2021 until sunset on Sunday, June 20, 2021, for the purpose of recognizing Juneteenth.

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 eighteenth day of June in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State