



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #197**

**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 the Firefighters of Wisconsin Who Have Given Their Lives in the Line of Duty**

**WHEREAS**, firefighters bravely serve and protect our communities, courageously answering every call and willing to imperil their lives to order to save others’;

**WHEREAS**, this year, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will be held on May 7, 2023, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to honor all firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year;

**WHEREAS**, as prescribed by Wisconsin State Statutes, Wis. Stat. 995.225(1) designates annually the week during which October 9 falls as Fire Prevention Week and designates the Saturday at the end of Fire Prevention Week as Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day;

**WHEREAS**, beginning on October 8, 2023, Fire Prevention Week features observances, ceremonies, exercises, and activities related to fire safety education, and culminates with the observance of Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day on Saturday, October 14, 2023, in recognition of the firefighters of this state who perished in the performance of their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial in Wisconsin Rapids holds a Final Alarm Ceremony in memory of all those members of Wisconsin’s fire services who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

**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 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 **Sunday, May 7, 2023**, and ending at sunset on that date.
2. 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 **Saturday, October 14, 2023**, and ending at sunset on that date.
3. 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 and ending at sunset on the date of the Final Alarm Ceremony at the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial.



**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 May in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State