



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #293

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Hmong-Lao Veterans

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, thousands of Hmong-Lao people courageously fought alongside Americans in the Secret War in Laos to combat the North Vietnamese Army and communist Pathet Lao forces, a sacrifice met by harsh retribution from the Vietnamese and Lao governments;

WHEREAS, Hmong-Lao soldiers suffered, sacrificed, and many laid down their lives in support of American armed forces, a service to the United States that ultimately forced many of these veterans and their families to flee their homelands, resettling in communities throughout the United States, including Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, this year marks the 51st anniversary of the last day of airlift evacuations of officers and their families from Laos to the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand, an anniversary that affords Wisconsinites of all backgrounds the opportunity to honor the resilience, history, and strength of all Hmong-Lao veterans, including those living in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of their heroic service, May 14th is recognized annually in Wisconsin as Hmong-Lao Veterans Day, and on this occasion, the State of Wisconsin thanks Hmong-Lao veterans and their families for their countless contributions and sacrifices and honors them for their bravery and service.

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 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 **Thursday, May 14, 2026**, 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 twelfth day of May in the year of two thousand twenty-six.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State