The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #306

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff to Mark the Fifth Anniversary of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2021, as community members gathered to celebrate the holiday season at the annual Waukesha Christmas Parade, a senseless act of violence shook the community, the state of Wisconsin, and the country, injuring dozens of people, affecting countless others, and taking the lives of six individuals;

WHEREAS, Tamara Durand, 52; Wilhelm Hospel, 81; Jane Kulich, 52; Leanna Owen, 71; Virginia Sorenson, 79; and Jackson Sparks, 8, are remembered for the light that they brought to the world, which lives on through all those who loved them and the kindness, courage, empathy, and strength of the Waukesha community;

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Waukesha community dedicated the Main Street Parade Memorial, and in 2024, the Waukesha community dedicated the Parade Memorial at Grede Park to honor the lives of the six individuals lost and the many survivors whose lives have been forever changed;

WHEREAS, on this fifth anniversary, the state also recognizes and honors the first responders, law enforcement agencies, medical professionals, and community members who acted quickly to respond and provide aid and support to their neighbors, even at great personal risk in the face of fear and danger; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of this fateful attack, the state and all Wisconsinites join survivors, families, friends, neighbors, and loved ones in honoring the lives that were mercilessly taken far too soon and the strength shown by the entire Waukesha community on that day and in the years since.

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 Saturday, November 21, 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 nineteenth day of November in the year of two thousand twenty-six.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State