



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #140

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 Lt. Col. John A. Palese, Jr., of the Town of Hartford Police Department

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2021, Lt. Col. John A. Palese Jr. (ret.) of West Bend passed away at the age of 66 after contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Palese served our country in the United States Air Force, United States Air Force Reserve, the Wisconsin Air National Guard (128th Aerial Refueling Wing), and in the Persian Gulf War;

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Palese also served as an American Airlines pilot, Line Check Airman, Federal Flight Deck Officer, and an aviation instructor;

WHEREAS, after retiring from American Airlines and the Wisconsin Air National Guard, Lt. Col. Palese became a law enforcement officer, serving his community most recently as Administrative Captain for the Town of Hartford Police Department;

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Palese was a beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, and friend, whose loss is mourned by his loved ones, colleagues, and the entire community;

WHEREAS, this State remembers Lt. Col. Palese and is forever grateful for his service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, interment with military honors for Lt. Col. John A. Palese Jr. will be held on November 15, 2021, in Union Grove.

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 equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on Monday, November 15, 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 eleventh day of November in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS

Governor

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State