

EXECUTIVE ORDER #224

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a vicious and unprovoked assault upon the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the surprise attack on the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet sought to destroy American military power, and break the spirit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the people of this Nation instead stood together, on the battlefield and on the home front, to secure the blessings of liberty for their fellow Americans and for all those threatened by oppression; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, more than 330,000 Wisconsinites served in the Armed Forces, another 250,000 civilians were enrolled in Civil Defense programs here at home, and many more worked in the factories, shipyards, farms, and other industries that supported the war effort from the home front; and

WHEREAS, though seventy-five years have passed since the attacks on Pearl Harbor, it is vital that our state and nation recall anew the sacrifice of the men and women at Pearl Harbor, and strive to emulate their heroism and courage in our own lives; and

WHEREAS, Congress, by U.S. Code Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 129, has designated December 7 of each year as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day;"

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by federal and state law, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin 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 Wednesday, December 7, 2016, and ending at sunset on that date.

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 sixth day of December, in the year two thousand sixteen.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

SCOTT WALKER Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State