## Flags to Half-Staff in Honor of Wisconsin Firefighters

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Governor orders Flags to Half-Staff on Sun., May 7, 2023 to honor Firefighters of Wisconsin who have given their lives in the line of duty.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers signed Executive Order #197 ordering the flags of the United States and the state of Wisconsin to be flown at half-staff on Sun., May 7, 2023, as a mark of respect for the firefighters of Wisconsin who have given their lives in the line of duty.



"Every day in communities throughout our state, Wisconsin firefighters bravely put their lives on the line to protect the health and safety of others," said Gov. Evers. "Honoring those firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty is a responsibility we share as a state and nation, and I am proud to recognize these fallen heroes and share our deepest condolences with their families, friends, colleagues, and loved ones on these occasions throughout the year."

Executive Order #197 orders the flags to be flown at half-staff on Sun., May 7, 2023, in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service during <u>National Fallen Firefighters Memorial</u>

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<u>Weekend</u>. Previously, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend had been held in October, but beginning in 2023, was <u>moved from October to May</u>

by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation.

In Wisconsin, Wis. Stat. 995.225(1) still designates each week annually 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. To that end, Executive Order #197 also orders the flags be lowered on Sat., Oct. 14, 2023, in honor of Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day during Fire Prevention Week.

Executive Order #197 will be in effect from sunrise to sunset on Sun., May 7, 2023, and Sat., Oct. 14, 2023, and is available <u>here</u>.