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TO: All State Agencies

FROM: Jay Inslee
Governor

SUBJECT: Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

I am deeply saddened by the death of Tulalip Tribal Police Officer Charlie Joe Cortez, 29, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021**. Officer Cortez died in the line of duty on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021**.

Please notify your staff and all of your field offices and facilities around the state.

Other government entities, citizens and businesses are encouraged to join this recognition.

A memorial service will take place on August 17, 2021 at the Angel of the Winds Arena in Everett at 1:00 pm.

Please call (360) 902-0383 if you have any questions about this flag lowering.