



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON

DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR

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April 22, 2025

**TO:** All State Agencies

**FROM:** Bob Ferguson  
Governor

**SUBJECT:** Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

Pursuant to the attached Presidential Proclamation, I hereby direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff **immediately**, in honor and remembrance of Pope Francis.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on the **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, or first thing Monday morning, April 28th.

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

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

Please email [FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov](mailto:FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov) if you have any questions about this flag lowering.

[Sign up to be notified by email when Gov. Ferguson directs flags be lowered to half-staff.](#)



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 21, 2025

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the memory of His Holiness Pope Francis, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, on the day of interment. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

DONALD J. TRUMP