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January 26, 2024

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 Walla Walla County Engineer Ryan Pleasants, 41, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on **Saturday**, **January 27**, **2024**. Pleasants died in the line of duty on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

I have no objection to agencies lowering the flags at the close of business on Friday, January 26, 2024. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Saturday**, **January 27, 2024**, or first thing Monday morning, January 29, 2024.

Please notify 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 January 27th, at the Walla Walla Community College Dietrich Dome at 1:00 pm.

Please email FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov if you have any questions about this flag lowering.