



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON —

**DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR**

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March 9, 2026

**TO:** All State Agencies

**FROM:** Bob Ferguson  
Governor

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

I hereby direct that Washington state and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in memory of the Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**. A lifelong champion of justice and icon of the civil rights movement, his efforts improved the lives of underserved communities throughout the United States and inspired others to pursue a life in public service. Rev. Jackson's work included deep and lifelong ties to Washington state, including prominently advocating for peace between the United States and the Soviet Union during the 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle and preaching a message of peace, justice, and quality from the pulpit of Mount Zion Church in Seattle. His loss is deeply felt by many, though his legacy exemplifies that a life lived with dignity in the service of others can change lives for the better, and will be long remembered. Rev. Jackson passed away on February 17, 2026.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**.

**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 [FlagDirectives@gov.wa.gov](mailto:FlagDirectives@gov.wa.gov) if you have any questions about this flag lowering.

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