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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON

DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR

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TO: All State Agencies

FROM: Bob Ferguson
Governor

SUBJECT: Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

I am deeply saddened by the death of Eastern State Hospital Security Guard Colleen Bass, 57, who was tragically killed in the line of duty on Saturday, September 27, 2025. I hereby direct that Washington state and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in her memory on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**. A private memorial service will be held on that date.

Flags should remain at half-staff until the close of business or sunset on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**.

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 if you have any questions about this flag lowering.

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