



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BOB FERGUSON

**DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR**

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September 11, 2025

**TO:** All State Agencies

**FROM:** Bob Ferguson  
Governor

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

On September 8, 2025, I directed that Washington state and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff on **Thursday, September 11, 2025**, for national Patriot Day, the annual memorial to the victims of the 2001 tragedy.

Pursuant to the attached Presidential Proclamation, and [consistent with state policy](#), I hereby extend that directive in memory of Charles Kirk.

Additionally, as governor, I am also directing that the flags be lowered in memory of all victims of political violence, including Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, who were assassinated June 14, 2025, as well as Minnesota Sen. John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, who were seriously injured in an attempted assassination the same day.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Sunday, September 14, 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](mailto:FlagDirectives@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

DATE

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CHARLIE KIRK

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the memory of Charlie Kirk, 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, September 14, 2025. 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 tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

DONALD J. TRUMP