DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR 21-18

September 15, 2021

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 Grant County Sheriff's Deputy Jon Melvin, 60, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 16</u>, <u>2021</u>. Deputy Melvin died in the line of duty on Friday, December 11, 2020.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Thursday**, **September 16**, **2021**.

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 September 16th at the Cave B Estate Winery in Quincy at 1:00 pm.

Please call (360) 902-0383 if you have any questions about this flag lowering.