



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR
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September 9, 2021

TO: All State Agencies

FROM: Jay Inslee
Governor

SUBJECT: Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

This directive includes two different flag lowering's. The first is for Friday, September 10, 2021.

I am deeply saddened by the death of Former Colfax Fire Chief and Volunteer Firefighter Jim Krouse, 76, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on **Friday, September 10, 2021**. Chief Krouse died in the line of duty on Saturday, August 28, 2021.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Friday, September 10, 2021**.

A memorial service will take place on September 10, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Colfax at 1:00 pm.

The second flag lowering is for Saturday, September 11, 2021

I hereby direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff on **Saturday, September 11, 2021**, for national Patriot Day, the annual memorial to the victims of the 2001 tragedy.

I have no objection to agencies lowering the flags at the close of business on Friday, September 10, 2021. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on Saturday, September 11, 2021, or first thing Monday morning, September 13th.

Please notify all of your field offices and facilities around the state.

Other government entities, citizens and businesses are encouraged to join this recognition.

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