



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #226**

**Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff in Memory of Racine Department of Public Works Employee Pastor Mark D. Gates**

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Pastor Mark D. Gates, an employee of the Racine Department of Public Works, died while on the job from injuries suffered in a tragic vehicle crash along Washington Avenue in Racine; and

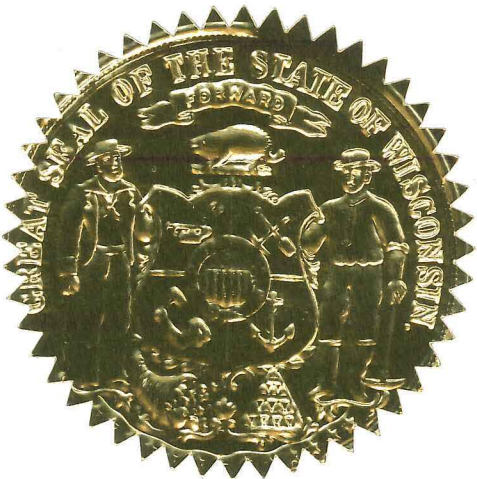
**WHEREAS**, Pastor Mark Gates was a native of Wisconsin and a valued member of his community in the Racine County area; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Mark Gates served his community as an employee of the Racine Department of Public Works for over seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, a memorial service will be held for Pastor Mark Gates in Racine on Tuesday, December 27, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Dave Hansen and Representative Cory Mason have petitioned the Office of the Governor to approve the lowering of the flags in Racine County;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by federal and state law, do hereby authorize that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin may be flown at half-staff in Racine County beginning at sunrise on **Tuesday, December 27, 2016**, and ending at sunset on that date.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-second day of December in the year two thousand sixteen.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State