



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR
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October 18, 2021

TO: All State Agencies

FROM: Jay Inslee
Governor

SUBJECT: Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

Pursuant to the attached Presidential Proclamation, I hereby direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff **immediately**, in honor and memory of General Colin Powell and his life of service.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Friday, October 22, 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.

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



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 2021

DEATH OF GENERAL COLIN POWELL

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

General Colin Powell was a patriot of unmatched honor and dignity. The son of immigrants, born in New York City, raised in Harlem and the South Bronx, a graduate of the City College of New York, he rose to the highest ranks of the United States military and to advise four Presidents. He believed in the promise of America because he lived it. And he devoted much of his life to making that promise a reality for so many others. He embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat. He led with his personal commitment to the democratic values that make our country strong. He repeatedly broke racial barriers, blazing a trail for others to follow, and was committed throughout his life to investing in the next generation of leadership. Colin Powell was a good man who I was proud to call my friend, and he will be remembered in history as one of our great Americans.

As a mark of respect for General Powell and his life of service to

our Nation, I hereby order, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, 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 on October 22, 2021. 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 eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.