



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR

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October 26, 2023

**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 remembrance of the victims who tragically lost their lives on October 25, 2023, in Lewiston, Maine.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Monday, October 30, 2023**.

**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 email [FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov](mailto:FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov) if you have any questions about this flag lowering.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

OCTOBER 26, 2023

A Proclamation on Honoring the Victims of the Tragedy  
in Lewiston, Maine

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on October 25, 2023, in Lewiston, Maine, 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, October 30, 2023. 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 twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.