May 1, 2013

TO: All State Agencies

FROM: Jay Inslee
Governor

SUBJECT: Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

I am deeply saddened with the death of U.S. Army Captain Aaron R. Blanchard, 32, of Selah, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory Saturday, May 4, 2013. He died April 23 in Afghanistan of injuries sustained from indirect fire.

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

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business on May 4 or first thing Monday morning, May 6.

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

Please call (360) 816-2216 if you have any questions about this flag lowering.