January 10, 2014

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 USMC Sgt. Jacob M. Hess, 22, of Spokane, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory **Monday, January 13, 2014**. He died January 1 in Afghanistan of injuries sustained while supporting combat operations.

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 January 13 or first thing Tuesday morning, January 14.

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

Please call (360) 239-1317 if you have any questions about this flag lowering.