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TO: All State Agencies

FROM: Jay Inslee
Governor

SUBJECT: Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

Pursuant to the attached Presidential message, I hereby direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities continue to remain lowered to half-staff, in honor and remembrance of Congressman Alcee Hastings, of Florida.

Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Wednesday, April 7, 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.

April 6, 2021

Greetings,

We are writing to notify that the flags will remain down for one more day in honor and remembrance of Congressman Alcee Hastings, of Florida. His leadership in Congress will be sorely missed as he was prominent champion for civil rights and leaves behind a powerful legacy fighting for equal justice for all. Please see below the [statement](#) of President Biden on the passing of Congressman Alcee Hastings.

"I had the privilege of getting to know Alcee Hastings during the years when he served in the House of Representatives and I served in the United States Senate and later as Vice President. I greatly admired him for his singular sense of humor, and for always speaking the truth bluntly and without reservation. A trailblazing lawyer who grew up in the Jim Crow South, Alcee was outspoken because he was passionate about helping our nation live up to its full promise for all Americans. It was a passion he forged as a pioneering civil rights lawyer in the 1960s, fighting tirelessly to desegregate hotels, restaurants, and public spaces in south Florida — a trailblazing spirit to advocate for what is right that guided him throughout his life.

Across his long career of public service, Alcee always stood up to fight for equality, and always showed up for the working people he represented. And even in his final battle with cancer, he simply never gave up.

Jill and I are saddened to learn of his passing. May God bless Alcee Hastings and his family."

Pursuant to law, the flags are automatically lowered to half-staff for a sitting member of Congress. This action will change the previous order to raise the flags to full-staff on the 6th. Instead, the flags will now be returned to **full-staff at midnight on the 7th of April.**

Best,

White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs