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## DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR 09-15

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**TO:** All State Agencies

**FROM:** Christine O. Gregoire

Governor

**SUBJECT:** Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

I hereby direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff on **Thursday**, **October 1**, **2009**, in memory of U. S. Army Specialist Joseph V. White, 21, of Bellevue, who died last week in Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when his military vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device.

## 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 Thursday, or first thing Friday morning.

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.