

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

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## DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR 11-02

January 13, 2011

- **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 <u>Tuesday, January 18, 2011</u>, in memory of U. S. Army Private First Class Robert J. Near, 21, of Granger, who died January 7 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

## 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 Tuesday, or first thing Wednesday morning, January 19.

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.