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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 <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 16</u>, <u>2011</u>, in memory of U. S. Army Sergeant Alexander J. Bennett, of Tacoma, who died with 29 other service members on August 6 in Afghanistan when their helicopter crashed.

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, August 17.

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.