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**TO:** All State Agencies

**FROM:** Christine O. Gregoire

Governor

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

I am deeply saddened with the death of U. S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Ramon T. Kaipat, 22, of Tacoma, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff **Friday, April 20, 2012**, in his memory. He died April 11 while conducting combat operations in 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 Friday.

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.