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## DIRECTIVE BY THE GOVERNOR 12-21

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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. Army Staff Sergeant Matthew H. Stiltz, 26, of Spokane, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 20, 2012</u>. He died November 12 in Afghanistan of injuries he sustained when his unit was attacked by insurgents.

## 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, November 20, or first thing Wednesday morning, November 21.

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.