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Gov. Evers Signs Executive Order Lowering the Flags to Half-Staff in Honor of the Victims of the Abundant Life Christian School Tragedy

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today signed Executive Order #248 ordering the flags of the United States and the state of Wisconsin to be flown at half-staff beginning on Mon., Dec. 16, 2024, in honor of the victims of the shooting at Abundant Life Christian School in Madison.

Yesterday, Gov. Evers [released a statement](#) regarding the tragedy and immediately directed flags across Wisconsin to be lowered to half-staff:

“There are no words to describe the devastation and heartbreak we feel today after the school shooting at Abundant Life Christian School in Madison this morning.

“Kathy and I join the people of Wisconsin in praying for the families and loved ones of those whose lives were so senselessly taken and for the educators, staff, and the entire Abundant Life school community as they grapple with the grief, trauma, and loss of this gut-wrenching tragedy. We are also praying and hoping all those injured survive and recover.

“Kathy and I are also keeping in our hearts the first responders who acted quickly and ran toward danger to help save lives. This day will no doubt weigh heavily on them, and we are grateful for their critical response efforts in answering the call when they were needed most.

“As a father, a grandfather, and as governor, it is unthinkable that a kid or an educator might wake up and go to school one morning and never come home. This should never happen, and I will never accept this as a foregone reality or stop working to change it.

“Today my focus is on supporting these families and kids and the Abundant Life community, and the state stands ready to support them and the efforts of local law enforcement through what will undoubtedly be difficult days ahead.”

The governor’s order is effective immediately and ends at sunset on Sun., Dec. 22, 2024.

Executive Order #248 can be found [here](#).

An online version of this release is available [here](#).

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