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**TO:** All State Agencies

**FROM:** Jay Inslee  
Governor

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

I am deeply saddened by the death of Walla Walla Fire Department Paramedic/Engineer Ryan Pleasants, 41, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**. Pleasants died in the line of duty on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

I have no objection to agencies lowering the flags at the close of business on Friday, January 26, 2024. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Saturday, January 27, 2024**, or first thing Monday morning, January 29, 2024.

**Please notify all of your field offices and facilities around the state.**

Other government entities, citizens and businesses are encouraged to join this recognition.

A memorial service will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Walla Walla Community College Dietrich Dome at 1:00 pm.

Please email [FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov](mailto:FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov) if you have any questions about this flag lowering.