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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 on **Thursday, November 5, 2009**, in memory of U. S. Army Private First Class Christopher Walz, 25, of Vancouver, who died October 27 in Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle.

**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 on Thursday or first thing Friday morning.

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.