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Governor Walz Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Lives Lost to COVID-19

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[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz has directed all flags at state and federal buildings in Minnesota to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, March 19, 2021. He has directed flags to fly at half-staff on the 19th of every month to remember, mourn, and honor lives lost due to COVID-19.

"One year ago on March 21, 2020, we mourned the first death due to COVID-19 in Minnesota," said Governor Walz. **"Since that day, over 6,700 of our parents, spouses, friends, and neighbors have been lost due to COVID-19. As Minnesotans, we come together to remember and honor those who have passed during the last year of this deadly pandemic."**

"As we turn a corner in this pandemic, we must remain committed to honoring and supporting our neighbors and community members who have suffered unthinkable losses," said Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. **"Minnesotans must continue to take steps to keep each other safe and prevent another surge of this deadly virus."**

Individuals, businesses, and other organizations are also encouraged to join in lowering their flags to honor Minnesotans who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and their families.

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