



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #290

**Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the
Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff as a Mark of Respect for
Former Wisconsin Secretary of State Velvlea "Vel" Phillips**

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2018, former Wisconsin Secretary of State Velvlea "Vel" Phillips passed away at the age of 95; and

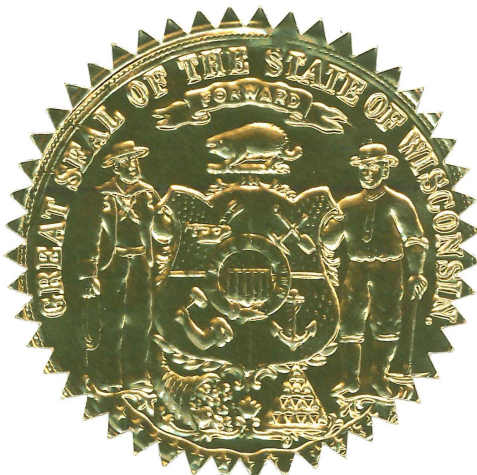
WHEREAS, Vel Phillips's trailblazing career was one of firsts, becoming the first African-American woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin Law School, the first African-American elected to the Milwaukee Common Council, the first African-American judge in Wisconsin, the first African-American and first woman to be elected Wisconsin Secretary of State, and the first African-American to be elected to the National Committee of a major political party; and

WHEREAS, Vel Phillips was a champion of civil rights, promoting fair housing in Milwaukee and spearheading efforts that led to the passage of Milwaukee's open housing ordinance in 1968; and

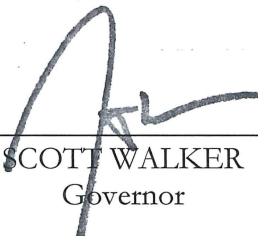
WHEREAS, Vel Phillips was a dedicated public servant and the people of Wisconsin mourn her passing; and

WHEREAS, a service honoring the life of Vel Phillips will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin, beginning at sunrise on **Saturday, May 5, 2018**, and ending at sunset on that date.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fourth day of May in the year two thousand eighteen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State