

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the idea of an annual day celebrating the American flag originated in 1885 when Bernard J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher from Waubeka, who had become a devoted patriot with a great love for the flag, arranged for pupils in the surrounding Fredonia School District to observe June 14th (the anniversary of the adoption of the flag) as 'Flag Birthday;' and

WHEREAS; in books written by Bernard J. Cigrand and in numerous magazines, newspaper articles and public speeches over the years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14th as Flag Day; and

WHEREAS; inspired by three decades of various state and local celebrations, Flag Day – the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 – was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916; and

WHEREAS; while Flag Day was celebrated in many communities, it was not until August 3, 1949 (17 years after Cigrand's death), that President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day;

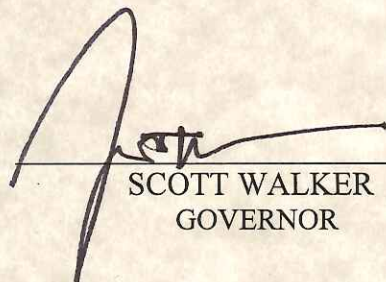
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 14, 2011, as

FLAG DAY


throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 9th day of June 2011.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State