

CITY OF SPOKANE
EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Mayor - 05 - 006
LGL 05-15

TITLE : LOWERING THE FLAG ON CITY BUILDINGS TO HALF STAFF
EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2005
REVISION DATE : N/A

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was a pathfinder for the Civil Rights movement of the 1950's and 60's; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks opened America's eyes to the inhumane treatment of millions of American citizens and began the process that broke the back of "institutionalized segregation in the South"; and

WHEREAS, The City of Spokane has benefited from the long standing influence of it's African American citizens dating back to the 1800's and evidenced by the fact that many of today's traditional Black churches were founded in Spokane before statehood; and

WHEREAS, Some of the first soldiers stationed at Fort George Wright were "Buffalo Soldiers" made up of former slaves and free black men which is further evidence of the early influence of African Americans in this region; and

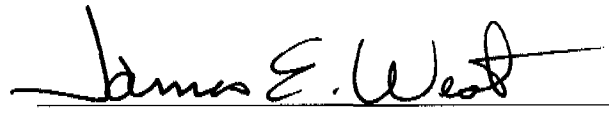
WHEREAS, James Chase, a prominent citizen of Spokane for whom the Chase Youth Commission is named and an African American man, was elected repeatedly to the City Council where he served with honor and was elected Mayor in 1981; and

WHEREAS, It is important to honor fallen heroes that have made a significant impact on American society; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks, an American hero passed away October 24, 2005:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. WEST, Mayor, do hereby order and direct that the U.S. Flag be lowered to half mast on all City of Spokane buildings and property for a period of seven (7) days in honor of Rosa Parks.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2005.



Mayor

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