

Good afternoon,

From Presidential Office:

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release July 20, 2012

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGEDY IN AURORA, COLORADO

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on July 20, 2012, in Aurora, Colorado, by the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, I hereby order that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its Territories and possessions until sunset, July 25, 2012. I also direct that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

Twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

## BARACK OBAMA

From Governor Patrick:

Governor Patrick has ordered the American and Commonwealth Flags lowered to half-staff effective immediately until sunset on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 in honor of the victims of the violence perpetrated on July 20, 2012 in Aurora, CO.

From the Governor:

Please be advised that in accordance with President Barack Obama's proclamation (above), Governor Deval L. Patrick has ordered that the United States flag and the Commonwealth flag be lowered to half-staff effective immediately until sunset on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 in honor of the victims of the violence perpetrated on July 20, 2012 in Aurora, CO.

Please note that notwithstanding the above mentioned Presidential Proclamation, Governor Deval L. Patrick has ordered that the United States flag and the Commonwealth flag be lowered to half-staff on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 in honor of SFC Jean-Baptiste Kesse of Attleboro, MA who died July 14, 2012.

This gubernatorial order applies to:

1. The main or administration building of each public institution of the Commonwealth, e.g. town and city halls

2. Other state-owned or state-controlled buildings
3. All state military installations

If you have any questions or concern do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

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