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NEWS RELEASE

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Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. Attends Ceremony to Honor Murder Victims

Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke attended the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims memorial ceremony at the state capitol rotunda today. Hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Crime Victim Services, the ceremony honored the memories of murder victims and recognized the impact of homicide on surviving family members and loved ones.

Sheriff Clarke offers the following observation:

“For thirty years I have advocated on behalf of victims of crime and victims of violence, at a time when it seems that more focus is directed to perpetrators of violence.

The survivors are the untold story. Police agencies keep a lot of statistics, but they don't have a way of gauging the emotional damage; the grief and the suffering left behind for the survivors and the community to deal with.

Yesterday a group of non-believers high-jacked this national day of mourning by preventing the acknowledgement of a higher being to help people deal with their grief. I find it disappointing that the attorney general's office capitulated to an anti-religious faction.

Having worked with a survivors-of-homicide group in Milwaukee, I know they and many others have found strength in prayer when they're suffering from a void left by the death of a loved one, or when they feel abandoned and empty.

The 20th Psalm says that the Lord will answer you in times of trouble; he will send you help from his holy place and support you. God bless the souls of those who have been violently slain. May they find the peace that they did not find in this often-violent world.”

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