



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Birmingham, Sr., dedicated his life to serving his community as both a first responder and a faith leader as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), a firefighter, and a Reverend; and

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Birmingham, Sr. entered the ministry in 1982, and served in several pastoral roles before founding Agape Love Ministries of Christ Unlimited in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Birmingham, Sr. completed his training and received his EMT license in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Birmingham, Sr. served the Kansas City community as a provider with the Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust (MAST) from 1998 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Birmingham, Sr. continued his service as a member of the Kansas City Fire Department following the consolidation of MAST and KCFD in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Birmingham, Sr. was among the many first responders from across Missouri who bravely risked their own health and safety by responding to emergency calls during the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in a state of emergency declaration in Missouri and a federal disaster declaration for all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, EMT Birmingham died in the line of duty on April 13, 2020, following exposure to COVID-19 in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, first responders courageously and selflessly devote their lives to ensuring the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the sacrifices of the brave first responders who risk their lives to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BILLY WAYNE BIRMINGHAM, SR.

and for his bravery and service to the Kansas City Fire Department and the citizens of Kansas City do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at every fire and EMS station in the State of Missouri and at the Fire Fighters Memorial, located in Kingdom City, Missouri, and at all government buildings in Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte counties from sunrise until sunset on April 22, 2020.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 20th day of April, 2020.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE