

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Captain Robert "Bobby" Rocha dedicated his life to faithfully and honorably serving his community as a member of the Kansas City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rocha joined the Kansas City Fire Department in 1991 and, through hard work, professionalism, and dedication to protecting the people of Kansas City, rose to the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Captain Rocha was among the many first responders from across Missouri who bravely risked their own health and safety by responding to emergency calls during the novel coronavirus pandemic, which resulted in a state of emergency declaration in Missouri and a federal disaster declaration for all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, after a valiant fight, Captain Rocha died in the line of duty on November 21, 2020, following exposure to coronavirus 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 emergency responders who risk their own 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

CAPTAIN ROBERT "BOBBY" ROCHA

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 halfstaff at every fire 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 November 30, 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 24th day of November, 2020.

Michael L. Darson GOVERNOR

ATTEST: