

WHEREAS, Dwight E. Willis began his public service career with the Greene County Sheriff's Office in what would become almost two decades of devoted service to the people of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Dwight E. Willis served for more than 19 years as a Detention Officer with the Greene County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2020, Detention Officer Dwight E. Willis died as a result of COVID-19, after contracting the novel coronavirus as he carried out his duties as a detentions officer with the Greene County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, throughout his public service career, Detention Officer Dwight E. Willis distinguished himself with professionalism and commitment to upholding the highest ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, during his public service career, Detention officer Dwight E. Willis received commendations from two different Sheriff's Administrations, the Greene County Prosecutor's Office, and the United States Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, detention officers courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the Greene County Sheriff's Office who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect their fellow citizens.

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

## **DETENTIONS OFFICER DWIGHT E. WILLIS**

and for his bravery and 19 years of service to the Greene County Sheriff's Office, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Greene and Christian counties from sunrise until sunset on November 28, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

Michael L. Parson GOVERNOR ATTEST: