

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sergeant Herschel Turner Jr. graduated from the Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Training Academy on November 25, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Turner bravely and selflessly worked as a police officer, serving and protecting the citizens of St. Louis County beginning in November, 1998 as a member of the Velda City Police Department and continued to serve as a member of the Northwoods Police Department and the Country Club Hills Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Turner began serving as a member of the Moline Acres Police Department in October, 2015, and faithfully continued to serve the citizens of Moline Acres until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, early on the morning of December 5, 2020, Sergeant Turner was on duty when he responded to a police traffic stop near Chambers Road and Lance Drive to back up a fellow officer; and

WHEREAS, as Sergeant Turner was working at the scene, he was struck by another police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Turner was seriously injured and transported to a hospital but later on December 5, 2020, Sergeant Turner succumbed to his injuries; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement 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 law enforcement who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Governor Michel L. Parson, as a mark of respect for the line of duty death of

## SERGEANT HERSCHEL TURNER JR.

and for his bravery and service to the Moline Acres Police Department, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in St. Louis County for one full day on December 14, 2020, from sunrise to sunset.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.



Michael L. Parson

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE