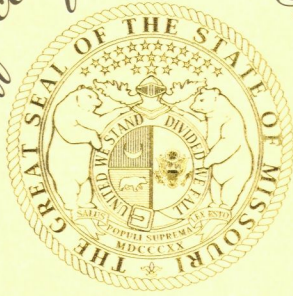


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Major Joshua W. Kolden was a 21-year veteran of the National Guard who began his service with the Minnesota National Guard in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Kolden transferred to the Missouri National Guard in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Kolden, because of his commitment to advancing the skills and professionalism of the service, commissioned as an officer in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Kolden deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Major Kolden deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve in 2018-2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Guardsmen courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens and defense of the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2021, Major Kolden passed away as a result of a traffic accident while in service to the people of the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the military who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work diligently to protect our State and Nation.

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

**MAJOR JOSHUA W. KOLDEN**

and for his bravery and service to the Missouri National Guard do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Missouri for one full day on April 23, 2021 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021



Handwritten signature of Michael L. Parson in black ink.

*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcroft in black ink.  
SECRETARY OF STATE