



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Special Agent James Dale "J.D." Holdman Jr. devoted more than 32 years of his life to public service and protecting his fellow citizens in several public safety roles, including as Washington County Deputy Sheriff, Missouri State Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Inspector, and Missouri Division of Fire Safety Investigator; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a Division of Fire Safety Investigator, James Holdman battled against the scourge of illegal drugs as a member of the Mineral Area Drug Task Force; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, James Holdman joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a Special Agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and in 2016 was honored with the Guardian of Justice Award from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri for his outstanding work domestically and internationally investigating child pornography and child sex abuse; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2021, after 18 years of faithful and honorable service, Special Agent Holdman died unexpectedly while working in his official capacity with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Missouri 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, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the line of duty death of

SPECIAL AGENT JAMES DALE "J.D." HOLDMAN JR.

and for his bravery and service to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 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 Webster and Greene counties for one full day on August 1, 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 30th day of July, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE