



State of Missouri
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jared Marcus Schmitz graduated from Fort Zumwalt South High School in St. Peters, Missouri, in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Schmitz signed enlistment papers to become a United States Marine during his senior year; and

WHEREAS, after high school graduation, Lance Corporal Schmitz began a 13-week Marine Corps Recruit Training program at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in San Diego, California, completing his training and becoming a Marine in October 2019; and

WHEREAS, on his first deployment in April 2021, Lance Corporal Schmitz was stationed in Jordan, and on August 14, 2021, was deployed to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2021, Lance Corporal Schmitz was killed in-the-line-of-duty, along with twelve other United States service members, while courageously assisting with the evacuation efforts that safely transported over 100,000 civilians out of Kabul, Afghanistan from August 15-30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Schmitz made the ultimate sacrifice in service to this country and was awarded the Purple Heart for his heroic actions; and

WHEREAS, United States Marines bravely and unselfishly put their lives on the line to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens and defense of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for our military members 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 line-of-duty death of

LANCE CORPORAL JARED MARCUS SCHMITZ

and for his bravery and honorable service to the United States Marine Corps, 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 the State of Missouri for one full day on September 16, 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 11th day of September, 2021.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE