



*State of Missouri*

## *Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, James Matthew Muhlbauer began his career with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department when he entered the Kansas City Regional Police Academy on December 16, 2002, and graduated on June 27, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2003, upon receiving his Missouri Peace Officer license, James Matthew Muhlbauer was commissioned as an officer by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, Officer Muhlbauer was a model officer, committed to honorably serving the people of Kansas City in Patrol Bureau assignments in Metro Patrol Division, North Patrol Division, and the Canine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Canine Champ was born October 15, 2019, and trained at the Houston K9 Academy, from where he was purchased by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Canine Champ came to work at the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department's Canine Corps on January 20, 2022, and was partnered with Officer Muhlbauer and became a member of the Muhlbauer family; and

**WHEREAS**, On May 12, 2022, Police Canine Champ became certified as a dual purpose narcotics and patrol canine from the National Police Canine Association; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 15, 2023, Officer Muhlbauer and Canine Champ were on duty with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department's Canine Corps when the police vehicle they were in was struck by a speeding motorist, fatally injuring Champ and Officer Muhlbauer; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the courageous and selfless 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 death of

**OFFICER JAMES MATTHEW MUHLBAUER  
AND  
CANINE OFFICER CHAMP**

and for their bravery and service to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department 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 Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties, Missouri, for one full day on February 22, 2023, 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 February, 2023.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE