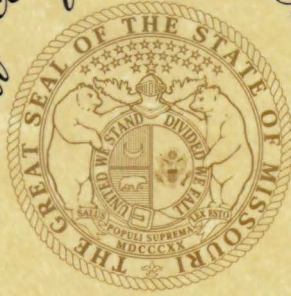


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2010, Mason Evans Griffith graduated from the Missouri Sheriffs' Association Training Academy, received his Missouri Peace Officer license, and was commissioned as a Police Officer by the Gerald Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mason Evans Griffith was commissioned as a Deputy Sheriff by the Gasconade County Sheriff's Office on September 13, 2013; commissioned as a Police Officer by the Rosebud Police Department on January 1, 2014; commissioned as a Police Officer by the Hermann Police Department on September 4, 2017; promoted to Chief of Police of the Rosebud Police Department on April 11, 2018; and promoted to Detective Sergeant by the Hermann Police Department on November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Griffith was a Field Training Officer, Missouri Crisis Intervention Team trained, and was recognized for his many successful de-escalation interventions and tireless efforts to coordinate resources to respond to those with behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Griffith was a model officer, committed to honorably serving the people of Hermann, Rosebud, and Gasconade County; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2023, Detective Sergeant Griffith was on duty with the Hermann Police Department and attempting to arrest a suspect with outstanding warrants when he was fatally shot; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers courageously and selflessly 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, Mike Kehoe, upon the express authorization of Governor Michael L. Parson, and while serving as Acting Governor, as a mark of respect for the death of

DETECTIVE SERGEANT MASON EVANS GRIFFITH

and for his bravery and service to the Hermann 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 Gasconade County, Missouri, for one full day on March 19, 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 16th day of March, 2023.



Mike Kehoe

Mike Kehoe
ACTING GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Jay Ashcroft

SECRETARY OF STATE