



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Firefighter Russell H. Hayes, joined the El Dorado Springs Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Hayes served as an EMT with the Cedar County – St. John's Ambulance District; and

WHEREAS, during his 42 years of service, Firefighter Hayes responded to many fires, motor vehicle injury-accidents, and other emergencies in which lives and property were at risk and his devoted service positively impacted many lives and resulted in a safer and more secure community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long tenure, Firefighter Hayes sacrificed time with his family in order to commit countless hours to training and exercises to hone his skills and strengthen his ability to protect his community; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2018, Firefighter Hayes sustained critical injuries in the line of duty while driving an El Dorado Springs Fire Department fire truck so that an annual pump test certification could be performed on the apparatus, and succumbed to the injuries the next day; and

WHEREAS, firefighters 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 the public safety professions who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect the lives and the 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

FIREFIGHTER RUSSELL H. HAYES

and for his bravery and service to the El Dorado Springs Fire Department, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide for one full day on October 9, 2018, 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 5th day of October, 2018.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE