



*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Cody R. Allen began his public service career as a detention officer with the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office on December 10, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Metropolitan Community College – Blue River's Public Safety Institute and being issued a Missouri Class A Peace Officer License on December 23, 2009, Cody R. Allen was commissioned by the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff on January 5, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2010, Cody R. Allen was commissioned as a Police Officer by the Grandview Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2017, Cody R. Allen was commissioned as a Police Officer by the Independence Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, after 16 months of working in the private sector, because of his strong desire to continue to serve the people of the City of Independence, on April 17, 2023, Cody R. Allen rejoined the Independence Police Department and was commissioned as a Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, during his career with the Independence Police Department, Officer Allen received the following awards: Tenure of Service, Safe Driving, Handgun and Rifle Proficiency, Life Saving, Exemplary Performance, Purple Heart, and Medal of Valor, and throughout his tenure as a law enforcement officer, Cody R. Allen was a model officer, committed to honorably serving the people of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2024, when 16th Judicial Circuit Court Process Server II Drexel Mack was shot as he executed a writ of possession at a house in the City of Independence, Officer Allen responded to the scene and bravely attempted to rescue Mr. Mack and protect others and 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, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, present this proclamation as a mark of respect for the death of

**OFFICER CODY R. ALLEN**

and for his bravery and service to the Independence 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 Johnson and Jackson counties and all police stations across Missouri, for one full day on March 8, 2024, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE