

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sergeant Colin Arslanbas was a 2019 graduate of Fort Zumwalt West High School; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Arslanbas enlisted in the United States Marine Corp on March 16, 2020, and reported to MCRD San Diego for basic training; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Arslanbas completed the United States Marine Corps' Basic Reconnaissance Course and was promoted to Lance Corporal; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Arslanbas earned the Reconnaissance Marine Military Occupational Specialty Code 0321 after completing the Marine Corps' Basic Reconnaissance Course; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Arslanbas later graduated from the Army Airborne School, Military Free-fall School, and SERE School; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Arslanbas was assigned to the 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, Alpha Company, where he was promoted to Corporal on May 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, during the Alpha Company Marine Expeditionary Unit workup, Sergeant Arslanbas was filling the billet of ARTO in Team 1, 2nd Platoon, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Arslanbas earned the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Arslanbas was tragically killed in the line of duty while conducting a training exercise off the coast of North Carolina; 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 death

of

SERGEANT COLIN ARSLANBAS

and for his bravery and service to the United States Marines, 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 May 4, 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 3rd day of May, 2024.



Michael L. Darson GOVERNOR

ATTEST