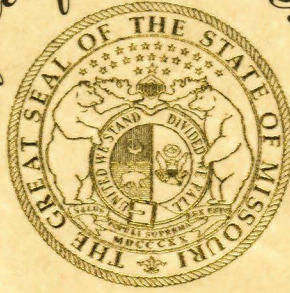


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Traffic Safety Officer David Lee III entered the St. Louis Police Training Academy on November 28, 2005, was assigned to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's 7th District on July 17, 2006, as a Probationary Police Officer and was promoted to Police Officer on October 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, during his 18-year tenure with the Department, Officer Lee distinguished himself as a courageous and committed officer, including being recognized on three occasions with a Department Award of Excellence, as well as earning a prestigious "Officer of the Month" award and a Chief's Letter of Commendation; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2024, Officer Lee died in the line of duty as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle operated by an intoxicated driver while selflessly and professionally assisting a separate driver involved in a single-vehicle crash on eastbound Interstate 70 at East Grand Avenue; 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 line of duty death of

OFFICER DAVID LEE III

and for his bravery and service to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police 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 in the independent City of St. Louis and St. Louis County and all police stations across Missouri for one full day on October 5, 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 4th day of October 2024.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE