

STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, William “Bill” Nix had been a member of the Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department for more than five years and sacrificed time with his family and other activities in order to train and respond to fires and other life-threatening emergencies as a member of the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Nix excelled in the maintenance of fire apparatus and devoted his time and effort to ensuring the Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department’s equipment was safe and reliable so that department members could safely respond to fires and other emergencies to protect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, because of his dedication to the Department, dependability in responding to emergencies, and firefighting skills, Firefighter Nix was named 2022 Thomasville Volunteer Firefighter of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, on the evening of January 16, 2025, Firefighter Nix was responding to a structure fire as a passenger in a Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department fire engine when the vehicle overturned on U.S. Highway 160 four miles south of Thomasville, causing the line of duty death of Firefighter Nix; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters courageously and selflessly devote their lives to ensuring the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the sacrifices of the brave emergency responders who risk their own lives to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens.

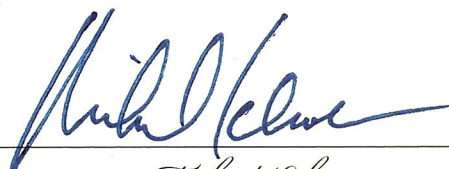
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, as a mark of respect for the death of

**FIREFIGHTER WILLIAM “BILL” NIX**

and for his bravery and service to the Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department and the citizens of Oregon County do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at every fire station in the State of Missouri and at the Fire Fighters Memorial, located in Kingdom City, Missouri, and at all government buildings in Oregon County from sunrise until sunset on January 28, 2025.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.





*Mike Kehoe*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE