



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Christopher Mykel Clevenger felt a calling to public service early in life and joined the West Central Missouri Fire Protection District of Saline and Pettis Counties as a volunteer firefighter in August, 2009, at the age of 18 and continued to serve as a volunteer with the district for more than 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Mykel Clevenger's public service also included serving the people of Saline County as a member of the Saline County Sheriff's Office between 2012 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, because of his dedication to responding to emergencies to protect the lives and property of the people of Saline and Pettis counties, and commitment to training and his skills as a firefighter, Christopher Mykel Clevenger rose to the rank of Captain with the West Central Missouri Fire Protection District of Saline and Pettis Counties; and

WHEREAS, in the late afternoon on January 25, 2025, Captain Clevenger, as a member of the West Central Missouri Fire Protection District of Saline and Pettis Counties, responded to an emergency medical call; and

WHEREAS, in the early afternoon on January 26, 2025, Captain Clevenger suffered a medical emergency in his home and was subsequently pronounced deceased at a local hospital; 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

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER MYKEL CLEVENGER

and for his bravery and service to the West Central Missouri Fire Protection District of Saline and Pettis Counties and the citizens of Saline and Pettis counties, 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 Saline and Pettis counties from sunrise until sunset on February 4, 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 3rd day of February 2025.



Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE