



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Michael James Hislope dedicated his life to serving the State of Missouri and the United States as a member of the U.S. Army and of Missouri law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Michael James Hislope entered the U.S. Army on March 6, 2011, received multiple Army Commendation Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal for his service, and was honorably discharged on June 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Michael James Hislope earned his Missouri Peace Officer license after graduating from Drury University Law Enforcement Academy on July 18, 2018, was commissioned and served with the North County Police Cooperative from July 18, 2018 until October 22, 2019, and was commissioned as a deputy sheriff by the Christian County Sheriff's Office on October 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Hislope served honorably and with distinction as a member of the Christian County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2026, Deputy Sheriff Hislope was shot and killed as he and other officers bravely attempted to apprehend the gunman who had shot and killed Christian County Deputy Sheriff Gabriel Ernestlee Ramirez on February 23, 2026; 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, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

DEPUTY SHERIFF MICHAEL JAMES HISLOPE

and for his bravery and service to the Christian County Sheriff's Office, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all police stations across Missouri; all sheriffs' offices across Missouri; all Missouri State Highway Patrol general and troop headquarters across Missouri; and all government buildings in Christian and Greene Counties, Missouri, for one full day on February 28, 2026, 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 27th day of February 2026.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE