



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Gabriel Ernestlee Ramirez dedicated his life to serving the State of Missouri and the United States as a member of the U.S. Army and the Christian County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Ernestlee Ramirez's more than eight years of service in the U.S. Army included serving in combat in Iraq and being awarded multiple Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, the Superior Honor Award, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal before he medically retired in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel Ernestlee Ramirez earned his Missouri Peace Officer license after graduating from Drury University Law Enforcement Academy on July 10, 2025, and was commissioned as a deputy sheriff by the Christian County Sheriff's Office on July 14, 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, while on patrol on February 23, 2026, Deputy Sheriff Ramirez was senselessly shot and killed during a traffic stop; 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 GABRIEL ERNESTLEE RAMIREZ

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 County, 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