

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Officer Michael V. Langsdorf was first licensed and commissioned as a peace officer in the State of Missouri on June 18, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Officer Langsdorf was a 17-year veteran police officer who served bravely with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the North County Police Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2019, Officer Langsdorf was on duty with the North County Police Cooperative when he was dispatched to a business in Wellston to investigate a complaint; and

WHEREAS, as he carried out his duties, Officer Langsdorf encountered a gunman who, after a struggle, shot and fatally wounded Officer Langsdorf; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of his tragic death, a November, 2003, news photograph of Officer Langsdorf's comforting a two-year-old boy, whose life he had just helped save during a structure fire, has come to symbolize the compassion and concern Missouri law enforcement officers have for the citizens they serve; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

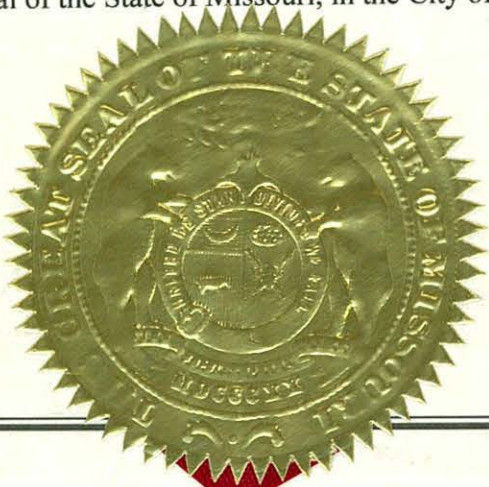
WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in law enforcement who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Kehoe, upon express authorization of Governor Michael L. Parson, and while serving as Acting Governor, as a mark of respect for the line of duty death of

OFFICER MICHAEL V. LANGSDORF

and for his bravery and service to the North County Police Cooperative, 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 statewide for one full day on July 1, 2019, 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 26th day of June, 2019.



Michael Kehoe
ACTING GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE