



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Charles McCormick dedicated his life to serving the State of Missouri and the United States as a member of the Missouri National Guard 1135<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company from September 2011, to September 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter – Paramedic Charles McCormick began his fire service career as a member of Cherokee County (Georgia) Fire and Emergency Services from October 2014, to September 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter – Paramedic McCormick served as a member of the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District from January 2018, to November 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter – Paramedic McCormick served as a member of the West Peculiar Fire Protection District beginning in December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2020, Firefighter – Paramedic McCormick was among the selfless firefighters who bravely responded to a residential fire in Peculiar, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2020, Firefighter – Paramedic McCormick died in the line of duty while fighting the blaze; 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, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

**FIREFIGHTER – PARAMEDIC CHARLES “CHUCK” McCORMICK**

and for his bravery and service to the West Peculiar Fire Protection District and the citizens of Cass 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 the Cass County from sunrise until sunset on January 11, 2020.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE