



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Billy Joe Siercks, of Lincoln, Missouri, was a soldier in the United States Army, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; and

WHEREAS, while serving his country, First Sergeant Siercks was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2011, First Sergeant Siercks, age 32, died of wounds he sustained on September 27, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using indirect fire in Logar, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Siercks' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal With Combat Distinguishing Device "V", Bronze Star Medal (2 awards), Purple Heart (2 awards), Army Commendation Medal (2 awards), Army Achievement Medal (3 awards), Army Good Conduct Medal (4 awards), National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal With Bronze Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal With Bronze Service Star (2 awards), Iraq Campaign Medal With Bronze Service Star (2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (3 awards), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3 awards), NATO Medal (2 awards), Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, Combat and Special Skill Badge Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Bar, Weapon: Rifle (Inscription: Rifle), Expert), Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), and the Overseas Service Bar (5 awards).

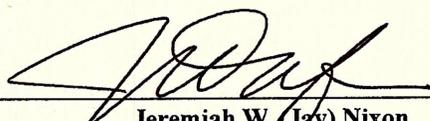
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

FIRST SERGEANT BILLY JOE SIERCKS

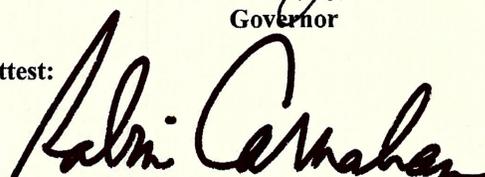
and for his bravery and service to the United States of America, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide for one full day on November 10, 2011, and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the county of Benton, Missouri, from November 12, 2011, to November 17, 2011, 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 8th day of November, 2011.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State