



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Guard Staff Sergeant Robert J. Traxel, of Union, Missouri, was a soldier in the Missouri Army National Guard, assigned to the 70th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Jefferson City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, before his service in the Missouri Army National Guard, Staff Sergeant Traxel also served his country on active duty in the United States Marine Corps and in the United States Army, including deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, while serving his country in the Missouri Army National Guard, Staff Sergeant Traxel was deployed to Guatemala in support of Beyond the Horizon Guatemala 2012; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2012, Staff Sergeant Traxel, age 34, died of injuries sustained in Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Traxel's awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal (2 awards), Army Good Conduct Medal, Marines Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star (2 awards), Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards), Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat and Special Skill Badge Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Bar, Weapon: Rifle (Inscription: Rifle)), Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Overseas Service Bar.

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

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT J. TRAXEL

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 July 12, 2012, and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the county of Franklin, Missouri, from July 13, 2012, to July 18, 2012, 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 10th day of July, 2012.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State