



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Sheriff Matthew Scott Chism, of Stockton, Missouri, entered the Law Enforcement Academy at Missouri Southern State University, in January of 2011, and graduated in May of 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Sheriff Chism joined the Cedar County Sheriff's Department in January 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2014, Deputy Sheriff Chism, age 25, died while serving the citizens of the Cedar County Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officials 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 the law enforcement profession who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect the lives and the property of their fellow citizens.

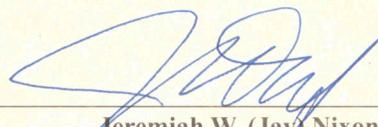
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

### **DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW SCOTT CHISM**

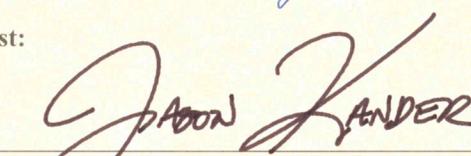
and for his bravery and service to the Cedar County Sheriff's Office do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Cedar County, Missouri, for one full day on November 6, 2014, from sunrise to sunset.

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State