



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles J. McClain's dedication to public education in Missouri spanned more than 60 years, from teaching at a one-room school in Sullivan to serving as the Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, prior to founding and becoming the first president of Jefferson College in 1963, Dr. Charles J. McClain served as an assistant dean at the University of Missouri in Columbia; and

WHEREAS, from 1970 to 1989, Dr. Charles J. McClain served as president of Northeast Missouri State University (later renamed Truman State University), where he conceived and led the transformation of the institution from a teachers' college to the state's premier highly selective liberal arts and sciences university; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Dr. Charles J. McClain became Commissioner of Higher Education, a position he held until 1995, and then again on an interim basis in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles J. McClain died on April 9, 2015 at the age of 83, and is survived by his wife, former Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ann Kettering Covington, and by many other family members.

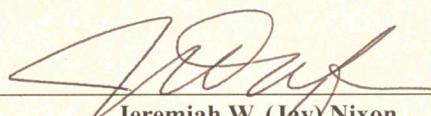
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

DR. CHARLES J. McCLAIN

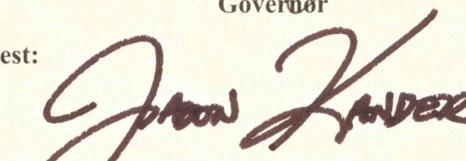
and for his service to the people of the State of Missouri do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the City of Kirksville, Missouri, for one full day on April 17, 2015, from sunrise to sunset.

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 16th day of April, 2015.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State