



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bryan J. Nichols, of Kansas City, Missouri, was a soldier in the United States Army, assigned to the 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, U.S. Army Reserve, New Century, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, while serving his country, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nichols was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2011, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nichols, age 31, died of injuries sustained when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter was attacked while conducting special operations combat in the Wardak Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nichols' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 awards), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device (4 awards), Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3 awards), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Medal Kosovo, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Basic Army Aviator Badge, and Overseas Service Bar.

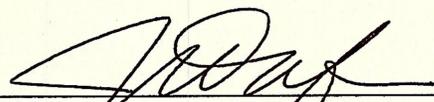
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 BRYAN J. NICHOLS

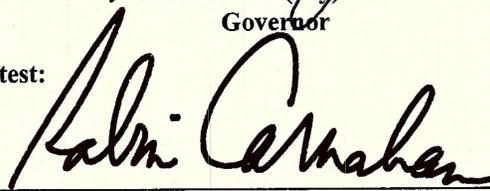
and for his bravery and service for the United States of America, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide for one full day on August 19, 2011, and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the county of Jackson, Missouri, from August 20, 2011, to August 25, 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 18th day of August, 2011.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State