

*State of Missouri*  
*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Officer Christopher R. Walsh was first licensed and commissioned as a peace officer in the State of Missouri on February 17, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Walsh bravely served with the Springfield Police Department for three years; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Walsh was a 14-year United States Army Reserve veteran, who deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and, holding the rank of Sergeant in the Army Reserves, continued to serve while working as a police officer; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, Officer Walsh was on duty with the Springfield Police Department and was dispatched to a business in Springfield to investigate an active shooter call; and

**WHEREAS**, upon arriving on scene, Officer Walsh courageously attempted to perform life-saving measures on a civilian shooting victim before encountering a gunman who shot and fatally wounded Officer Walsh; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

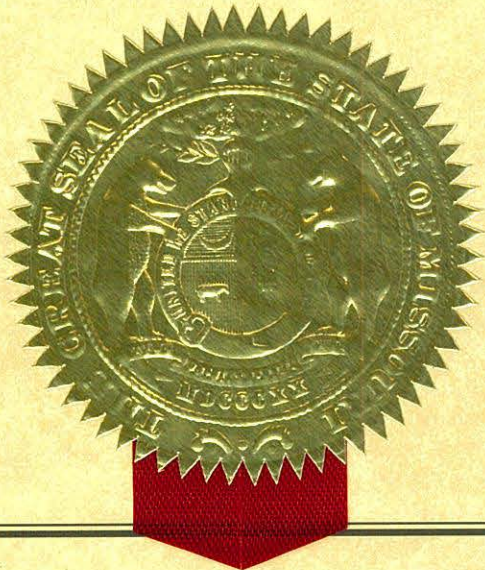
**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in law enforcement who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work tirelessly to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the line of duty death of

**OFFICER CHRISTOPHER R. WALSH**

and for his bravery and service to the Springfield Police Department, and do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Greene County for one full day on March 21, 2020, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



*Michael L. Parson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE