



**MIKE DEWINE**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

## Flag Lowering – July 6, 2026

In honor of the life and service of Sgt. Scott Ries of the Rittman Police Department, I hereby proclaim, by the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Ohio by the Ohio Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, that the flags of the United States and the State of Ohio shall be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds throughout Wayne County and at the Ohio Statehouse, Vern Riffe Center, and Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus. Flags shall remain lowered until sunset on the day of Sgt. Ries' funeral.

All other public buildings and grounds throughout the state may fly the flags of the United States and the State of Ohio at half-staff at their discretion for the same time period.

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine  
Governor