



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Officer Gary L. Michael Jr., of Clinton, Missouri, began his law enforcement career on May 16, 2016, first working as a police officer with the Appleton City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Michael joined his own community's law enforcement agency, the Clinton Police Department, on September 16, 2016, serving and protecting his neighbors; and

WHEREAS, a United States Army Veteran, Officer Michael was trained and served as a military police officer during his service with the Army from 1998 to 2002, which included posts overseas; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2017, Officer Michael was on duty with the Clinton Police Department and made a traffic stop in Clinton where he was shot and mortally wounded yet still managed to return fire, wounding the suspected gunman, fulfilling his commitment to protect the public and his fellow officers to his last breath; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, such as Officer Michael, 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 the property of their fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

OFFICER GARY L. MICHAEL JR.

and for his bravery and service to the Clinton Police Department, 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 12, 2017, and shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in Henry County, Missouri, from August 13-19, 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 11th day of August, 2017.



Eric R. Greitens
Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State